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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The "Famine"

THE Urban Council Sub-Committee's reports on low cost housing tabled at the Council meeting last week provoke mixed feelings. The reports certainly show that the Committee for Rental Ranges fulfilled its commission admirably and tackled with commendable care and thoroughness the big task of making a detailed assessment of the accommodation needs of the lower wage group. However this is tempered somewhat by the disappointing report of the Committee on housing sites. Of the six sites named in the report as coming under the Committee's scrutiny only the Cadogan Street site and about 1 1/4 acres of the Kwloon Tong site (at present occupied by a film studio) are immediately available for building of low-cost housing. There is no need to stress the urgency of the problem. Mr Au in his address to the Urban Council last week described the position correctly, when he said Hongkong was facing a housing famine. There is not only the present huge demand for homes for the so-called "white collar workers" but the demands of a far greater section of the community including such people as technicians and skilled artisans; there is also the question of squatter resettlement for more than 160,000 people. It is important to understand too that low-cost housing, resettlement and building of satellite towns also involve a determined attempt to improve the standard of living of the future occupants, to provide them with homes which conform to Western standards at as low a cost of rental as possible—an essential obligation of present-day colonial authority.

It is probably worthwhile adding that this is a problem that will grow enormously in the years to come with the natural increase in the population at present around the 54,000 a year mark and the distinct probability that Hongkong will be faced with a slum clearance programme in some of the old, heavily-built-up districts in the not too distant future. It is probable that all this work will become eventually the responsibility of the new Housing Authority whose initial functions are to devise, initiate and control housing schemes with money received on loan from the Government and to co-ordinate the various private schemes undertaken by Housing Societies in the Colony. The Authority will include members of the Urban Council and presumably, to make up its full complement, it will invite experienced representatives of those societies which have already made a start on low-cost housing, as well as private individuals concerned with building in the Colony. The accent must be on the utmost co-operation between all sections of the community if this venture is to succeed and it would be wise if, as one of its first investigations, the Authority made some assessment of the plans of private firms which are contemplating building quarters for their employees so that it can gain at once an overall picture of the work being undertaken in this field. While low-cost housing is a relatively new venture in Hongkong it has been in operation in Singapore since 1947 and undoubtedly the new Housing Authority will be able to learn many valuable lessons from its sister colony. This is another preliminary that Authority may find useful in preparing itself for the bigger job ahead.

# SAVAGE INDO-CHINA BATTLE

## Vivid Official Story Of Engagement

### Hand-To-Hand Fighting

Hanoi, Mar. 14. Fanatic Communist rebels, supported by artillerymen trained in Red China, charged through 1,000 of their own dead and into the outer defences of French-held Dien Bien Phu, the French High Command announced today.

The French High Command announced that the attacking rebels clambered over the shattered mounds of Communist corpses in a night-long, nightmare battle for the strategic French outpost ringed with a maze of barbed wire, slit trenches, foxholes and tanks thrown into the front lines to halt the Reds.

As the Communists stormed into Dien Bien Phu, tank-tipped French forces lanced into strong Vietnamese forces threatening the Hanoi-Haiphong road in what French High Command officials said was the beginning of the war's "most savage and perhaps last battle".

Reinforcements poured throughout the night into the beachhead in Central Annam where an assault force was landed yesterday to ease the pressure on the Red River delta—Indo-China's rice bowl.

The Dien Bien Phu commander, Colonel Christian de Castries, radioed the following description of the fanatic Vietnamese assault:

Rebel artillery, mainly Japanese and American guns supplied by Communist China, plus modern recoilless guns laid down a powerful barrage on the Eastern sector of the fortress early yesterday afternoon.

French artillery immediately began bombarding the Vietnamese artillery positions dug out on hillsides surrounding Dien Bien Phu's defence.

When night fell, scores of Vietnamese companies swung out from the jungle to a bugle call. The yelling rebel shock troops locked in savage hand-to-hand fighting with the outnumbered defenders, who put up a "heroic resistance".

After mowing down hundreds of the dark-green-and-black-clad rebel soldiers, the situation became too critical for the French companies, who were ordered to retreat.

Shortly before 10 p.m. (local time) new rebel waves lunged themselves against the first outer line, which had been reinforced by French tanks firing point blank and tearing huge holes in the milling Vietnamese ranks.

One hour later rebel troops overran the second French defence line, the spokesman said.

**BAYONET CHARGES**

About 100 French troops who survived the fanatic rebel masses cut their way to safety with bayonet charges during the night.

The French Command said the rebel command made use of all its available means in the attack. For the first time in the eight-year-old war, rebel artillery units trained in Communist China used a powerful fire concentration against the French.

An estimated 1,000 rebels were slain in the furious, night-long battle.

It was the first mass attack against a French fortress since the Vietnamese assault against Nuan in December 1952, which cost the Reds 6,000 troops, a Command spokesman said.

United defending the bastion are hand-picked troops ranked as the best of the French Army has at present, Colonel de Castries earned fame in 1949 when, with 60 men, he held off a German battalion backed up by tanks and Stuka dive bombers for three days and was wounded and captured when attempting a breakthrough.

After escaping from a German POW camp, he fought in the Italian campaign and was the first one to enter Siena. He served in Indo-China since the war started and, with 20 citations, is one of the most decorated French officers.

Through last night's battle, with shells crashing against his concrete bunker, Colonel de Castries directed the operations. He kept in constant radio contact with the Hanoi Northern Headquarters of General Rene Cogny.

Arrayed against the French are two to three regular divisions. Units withdrawn by General Vo Nguyen Giap, the rebel commander-in-chief, were recently replaced by the 308th (tank) division, which returned to Dien Bien Phu after its abortive invasion of Laos.

ed ashore in Central Annam yesterday, seizing Quinhon, an important Vietnamese port and supply centre. After receiving reinforcements overnight, they stormed inland seeking destruction of 12 Vietnamese battalions.

A Command spokesman said at least one rebel battalion, or about 600 men, had been killed in clashes on both sides of the 84-mile stretch of Colonial Highway 5 connecting Hanoi and Haiphong, in the past hour.

This brought total enemy casualties in the past five days in the delta to well over 1,100, the spokesman said.

The rebels captured the hill overlooking Dien Bien Phu after a savage close-quarter fight. French counter-attacks during the night permitted part of the defenders to break out from rebel encirclement and withdraw.

The rebels first attacked the fortress last Thursday, shelling for one hour the narrow airstrip which is Dien Bien Phu's only link with Hanoi.

The fortress, held by some 60,000 French paratroops, North African, Vietnamese and Foreign Legion units, had been seized by the French last November 20 in a daring air operation. It lies in a shallow valley 180 miles west of Hanoi. The French had declared many times in recent months that the Dien Bien Phu bastion was "unconquerable".

Staff officers said Dien Bien Phu, which depends on the Hanoi delta for its reinforcements, supplies and air support, coincided with desperate rebel attacks against the vital delta supply centres and communications.

**HAIPHONG HEARS GUNS**

In the Hanoi-Haiphong sector the thunder of heavy French guns could clearly be heard in Haiphong. Tanks and armoured cars rumbled through the tense 100,000-inhabitant port now for the second week under state of emergency legislation.

Thousands of French Union forces, including Foreign Legion and North African shock troops, fanned out at dawn into the rice fields and bamboo thickets alongside the highway chasing the rebels.

The railway has been cut off for several days after Vietnamese commandos blew up large stretches of the tracks last week. The day, too, has been damaged but traffic was resumed last Friday.

French-Vietnamese units all over the delta stayed alert for the moment when the Vietnamese command launches its 70,000 troops inside the perimeter against French forces and communications in a general offensive.

French Command officers said they had no doubt such an offensive would come shortly. A powerful French task force, including an unspecified number of French plus one Vietnamese battalion, plunged ashore from assault vessels in Central Annam yesterday. Operation "Azalee" was described by a Command spokesman as the second stage of Operation "Atlanta", launched two months ago about 100 miles south of Quinhon.

The port, which before the war was one of Indo-China's busiest with 30,000 inhabitants, is a huge mass of ruins. The town, 270 miles north of Saigon, was destroyed by the rebels at the beginning of the conflict when they feared the French might establish their base there. Only the Catholic Cathedral, Bishop's and the

little Chinese district were left intact.

French Union troops met with little resistance. Rebel units fled inland to rejoin the 12 Vietnamese battalions stationed on Central Annam's high plateaus.

**THREEFOLD AIM**

The French aim was threefold, according to a spokesman: 1. Divert Vietnamese attention from Central Annam and possibly compel the Reds to withdraw delta to cope with the French threat in Annam.

2. Liberate additional territory from Communist rule and establish along the coast a solid, native administrative network.

3. Deprive the rebels of their richest manpower and rice reservoir outside the Red River delta.

The French command will seek to establish contact with and destroy the 12 rebel battalions in the Quinhon area and to capture the many workshops, armaments, mines, grenades and other crude weapons for the rebels, French Staff officers said.

French casualties during the lightning capture of the port were limited to a few men wounded by landmines and other contraptions. A few hours after wading ashore French troops joined with columns inching North from recently-captured Songau, 18 miles to the South.

The Governor of Central Vietnam, Phom Van Gio, landed in Quinhon shortly after the last rebels fled and supervised the establishment of the first administrative services by scores of civil servants transported by the French warships.—United Press.

## 7 LIVES LOST IN TORNADO

Atlanta, Georgia, Mar. 15. Seven persons were today reported killed and some 70 others injured in a tornado which swept over Georgia last night.

Latest reports estimated the damage done by the twister at more than \$23,000,000.—France-Press.

Casablanca, Mar. 14. A terrorist shot and killed a Moroccan barber in his shop in the Medina quarter of the city, the police said today.—United Press.

## MAO TSE-TUNG SUFFERING FROM DIABETES, REPORT

(By A Special Correspondent)

People in Red China are just as puzzled as the outside world by the disappearance from the public scene for nearly three months of the Peking People's Government's Chairman, Mr Mao Tse-tung.

Travellers from Canton said yesterday Communist radio and newspapers have not mentioned him for weeks, although his portrait is still being prominently displayed on all public occasions.

They said it was generally believed he was gravely ill, but that he was still alive. It was known that he had been suffering from diabetes, but complications were believed to have set in.

The informants stated they had found no evidence to support the view that Mr Mao Tse-tung had been ousted from power, but they agreed the overall picture seemed to indicate that the pro-Russian "internationalist" faction led by the Vice-Chairman, Liu Shao-chi, had gained political ascendancy over the "native" Communist faction with which Mao has been identified.

This could have come about through a number of causes, they said. One was the failure of the agrarian reform programme. Farmers everywhere were deserting their land in large numbers and flocking to the cities, they said. Secondly, the emphasis on industrialisation shifts the burden of responsibility for the success of Communist plans on the shoulders of labour leaders and factory workers. The internationalist faction, which has

## The Pope's Malady Named

Vatican City, Mar. 14. Pope Pius XII is suffering from stenosis of the pylorus, it was learned tonight.

This is the description of the Pope's malady given in the last few days to Cardinals and other high prelates who have asked for news of his condition.

It means contraction of the end of the stomach, which leads into the small intestine.

It was understood that this contraction was still preventing the Pope from keeping down any but minute quantities of food.

But this direct nourishment, begun a week ago, has enabled his doctors greatly to reduce the indirect feeding which had maintained him for the previous two months.

It was understood that he is now being fed on occasional teaspoonful of extract of grapes and a paste made of bananas.—Router.

## Elderly Man Inherits A Fortune

Bloomington, Mar. 14. A 64-year-old man, who has \$9 a month in charitable grants to take care of his small wages as a storeman, has received news that he is co-heir to a £4,000,000 fortune in Scotland.

Mr John Pringle, of Grangefield, who has never earned more than £30 a month.

He has received a letter stating that the £4,000,000 fortune of an uncle, whom he has never met, is to be divided equally between him, a relative in Scotland and a church.

The news has also been welcomed by Mr Pringle's 103-year-old mother who is living in South Africa. She has a record of longevity. Mr Pringle's grandfather was well over 100 when he died.

"I hope to reach the age of 110," says Mr Pringle, "so I shall have plenty of time to enjoy this wonderful windfall of inheritance. I like travel and hope to see a lot more of England, and, of course, Scotland."—France-Press.

## COMET TESTS CONTINUE

London, Mar. 14. A British Overseas Airways spokesman said here today that if further routine test flights were successfully completed, BOAC Comet services would be resumed on March 23.

A BOAC Comet made two major test flights on Friday—the first since the planes were voluntarily grounded by BOAC after a Comet crash off Elba in January.

Another flight, lasting over three hours, was made yesterday at normal Comet operating weight of 35,000 to 40,000 lbs. Detailed reports on the tests are now being studied.—Reuter.

## Anglo-Chinese Trade Talks Cancelled

### BUSINESSMEN ABANDON FLIGHT TO BERLIN

London, Mar. 14. A mysterious telephone call from Berlin today cancelled trade talks between a group of British businessmen and Chinese Communist delegates after the Foreign Office had warned the businessmen that their trade association was connected with a Communist front organisation.

Approximately 35 British businessmen, including 17 members of the "China Trade Committee" who visited Peking last year, were due to fly to Berlin today for trade talks with the Chinese in East Berlin, scheduled to start tomorrow.

But at London's Northolt Airport this morning they were handed sealed messages informing them that the talks had been called off "at the request of the Chinese."

The messages were delivered after a telephone call from Roland Berger, chairman of the "China Trade Committee" who arrived in Berlin two days ago to arrange the talks. Berger today eluded newsmen and declined to discuss the sudden change of plan.

Only three members of the original group ignored the sealed message and continued their journey to Berlin, but all three stressed tonight that they were acting independently of the "China Trade Committee" and intended to negotiate directly with the Chinese in East Berlin.

Foreign Office officials last week privately informed a number of British businessmen that the "China Trade Committee" was an offshoot of the British Council for the Promotion of International Trade, branded by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, as a Communist-front organisation.

**FUZZLED BY ACTION**

"If the British government announces officially that the China Trade Committee is a Communist-front organisation, then we shall immediately sever all connection with it," said R. Sternberg, managing director of Frezons Ltd., one of the largest chemical manufacturers in Britain. But the three businessmen were puzzled by the last-minute cancellation of the talks, and were tonight anxiously waiting for an explanation from Mr Berger.

Meanwhile, a reception for the businessmen, reported to have been planned by the Chinese, also was cancelled.

The "China Trade Committee" was formed by British firms trading with Communist China in non-strategic goods after their visit to Peking last year. The East Berlin meeting was scheduled to be the first full trade conference with the Chinese since that visit, although several firms have met the Chinese privately in the meantime.

The Peking visit last July resulted in trade agreements worth the exchange of 15,000,000 worth of British goods for Chinese exports.

The three businessmen who reached Berlin all complained over the lack of official guidance from the British authorities and

## Four Fatally Electrocuted

Perth, Mar. 14. A man was killed today trying to pull his son, who died, off an electrified fence. His wife was injured and two other small boys were also killed. Four more children were injured.

A fallen power line at Bridgeport, about 150 miles from Perth, electrified a stream and a nearby fence. The children waded into the creek, received a strong shock and rushed out screaming straight into the electrified fence.—China Mail Special.

## Saved Royal Yacht From Being Rammed

Portsmouth, Mar. 14. Four Portsmouth boatmen in two small launches saved the £2,100,000 Royal yacht Britannia from being rammed by two drifting paddle steamers in Portsmouth harbour last week, it was disclosed today.

The 4,000-ton Britannia is moored at a special jolly completing preparations before sailing to Tientsin next month to bring back Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the last stage of their Commonwealth tour.

The paddle steamers, Ryde (586 tons) and Sandown (684 tons), both owned by British Railways, were roped together alongside a harbour coaling depot.

After a night of heavy gales two of the steamers, James Butcher and Reginald Road, saw them drifting with no one on board.

Butcher and Road piloted their launch towards the Sandown, put a tow line aboard and for 10 minutes held the two steamers against a strong tide.

"When we reached the ships they were about 150 yards away from the Royal yacht but by the time we had got towing they were considerably nearer," Mr Butcher said today.

Further help came from two other boatsmen who put a towing line on the other side of the steamer Ryde. Between them they manoeuvred the steamers away from the Britannia.

British Railways announced today that an inquiry had been held into the incident, which had resulted from exceptionally heavy weather prevailing at the time.

The work of the men who saved the Britannia is to be "specially acknowledged" by British Railways—China Mail Special.

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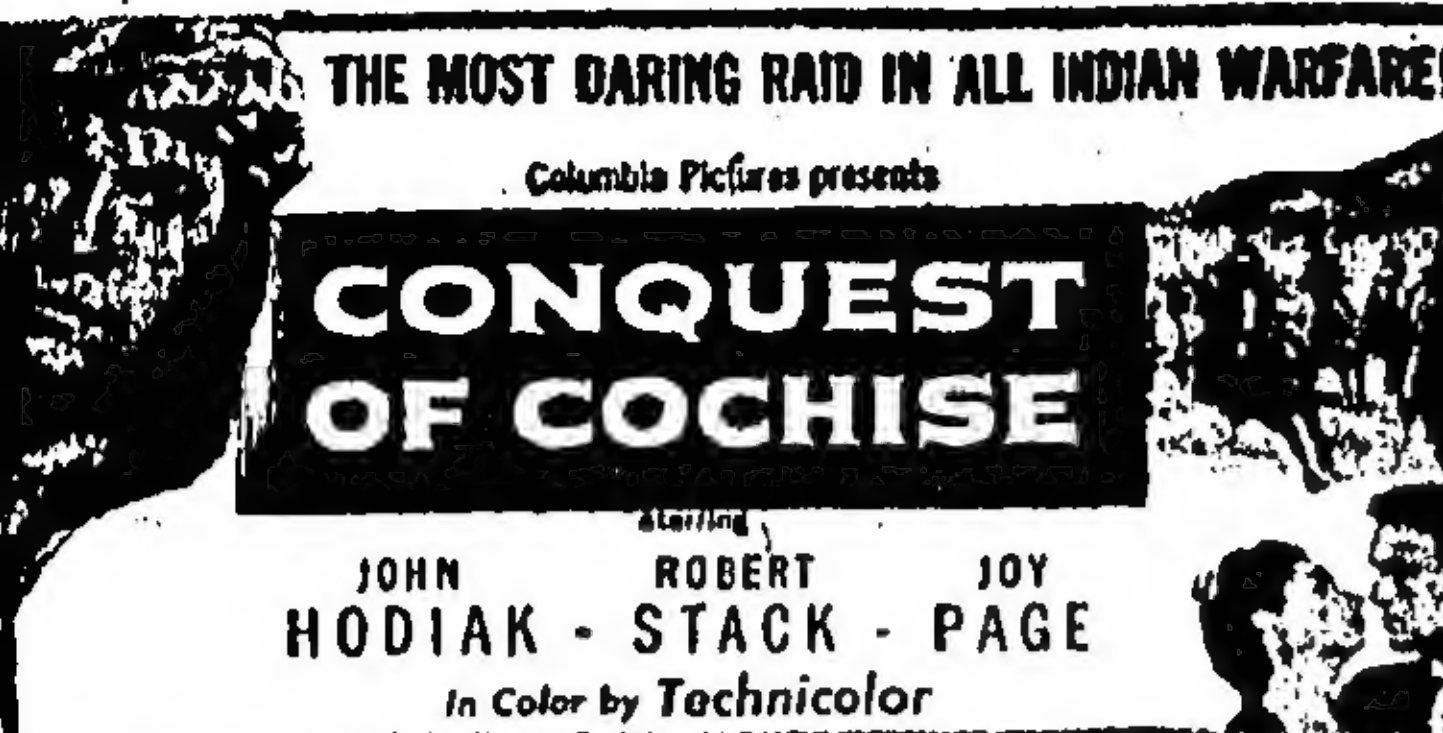
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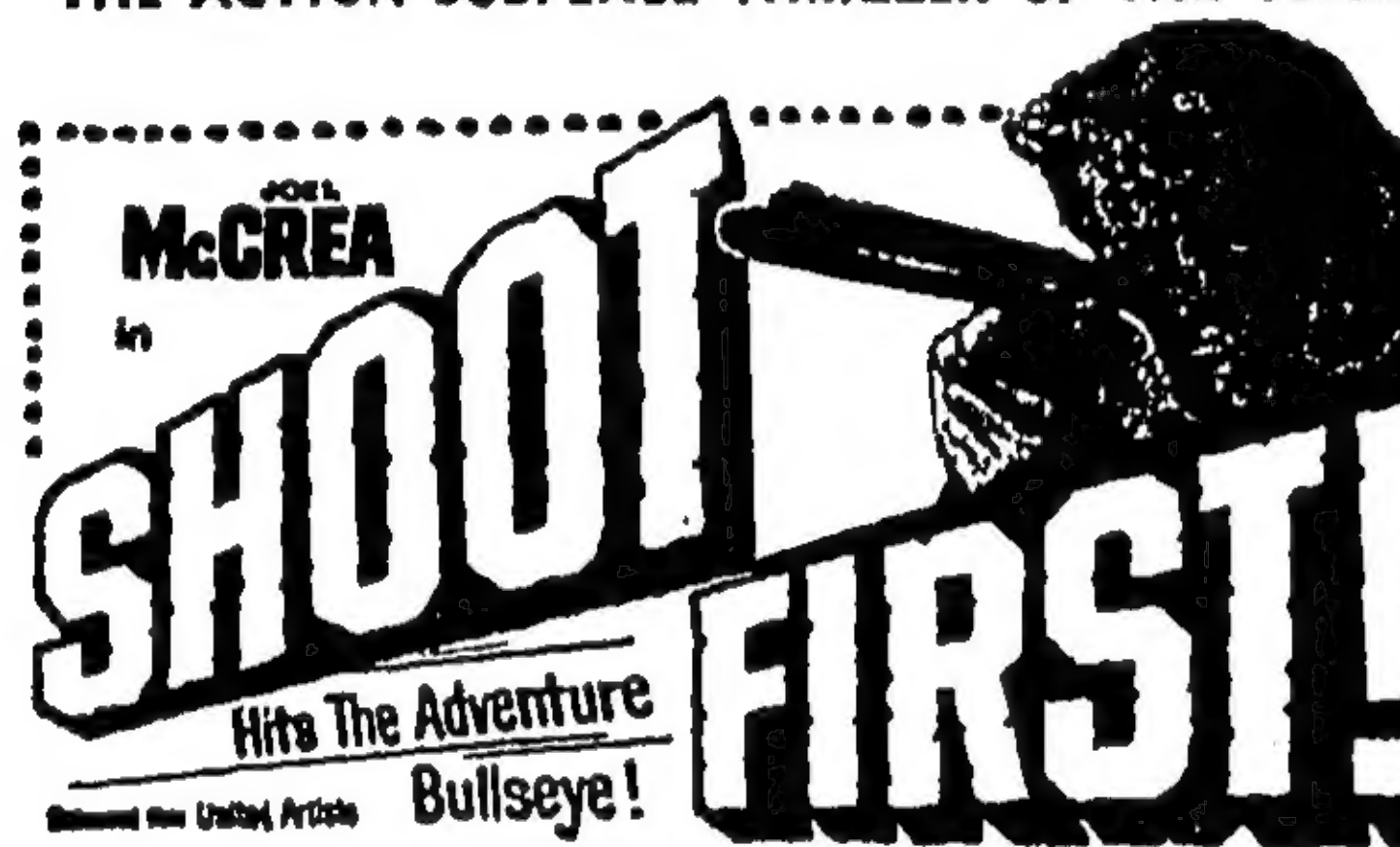
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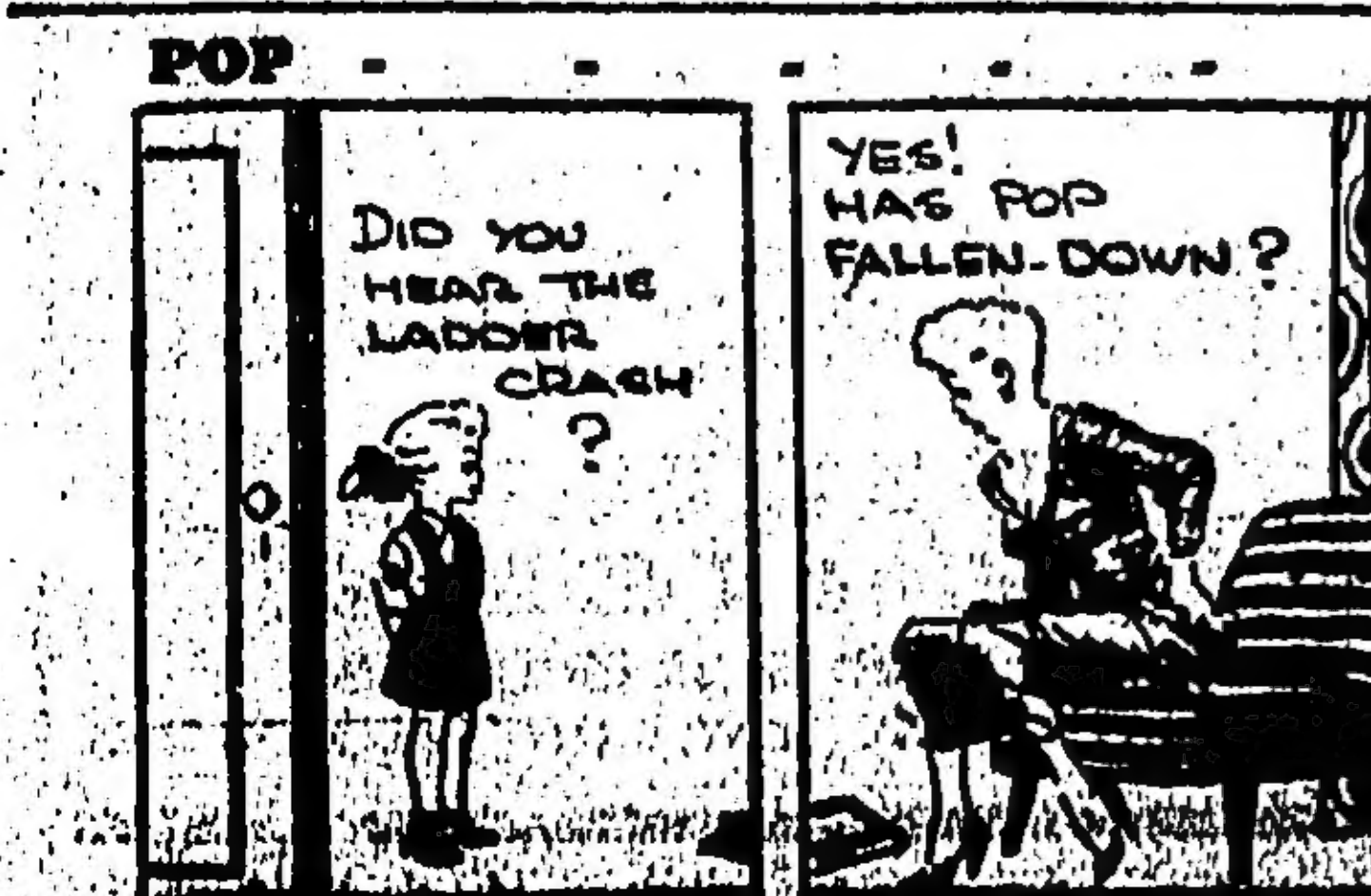
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Six American Representatives Say:  
'USA SHOULD REDEPLOY ITS TROOPS'Suggested Action  
Against  
European Apathy

Washington, Mar. 14.

Six Representatives, members of a House armed forces committee, have proposed that the Defence Department should carry out a redeployment of American troops abroad as a result of the lack of urgency apparently shown by certain countries in ratifying the European Defence Community treaty.

The proposal is contained in a report drawn up by the six Representatives after a fact-finding tour of Western Europe made last autumn led by William Hess and published on Monday morning.

They also suggested more use should be made of local labour, particularly in Italy and in the American bases now under construction in Spain.

The Representatives said in their report France must join economically and socially with other West European countries and they criticise a form of reasoning in France which, they say, looks back and ignores the future. They acknowledge, however, the sacrifices which France has made in Indo-China.

Regarding the position in Italy, the report states the situation with respect to the EDC is much the same as it is in France. Italy, the report said, was doing something towards joint defence within the limits of her economy but it was very little in comparison to her needs.

The Representatives spent three days in Norway and Denmark where, they said, the attitude towards Germany of the Norwegians and the Danes who had been so recently invaded by that country was understandable, but they believed these people now saw Germany's recovery as a sign that the German people has a reawakened conscience and they recognise the importance which a solid German community would have for them.—France-Press.

## A STEP NEARER

Bonn, Mar. 14.

West Germany is expected this week to take another step nearer rearmament and a place in the projected European Army.

The Bundesrat (upper house) on Friday is expected to debate a constitutional amendment which would give West Germany the express power to raise troops.

This amendment, passed by the Bundestag (lower house) last month, is expected to get the necessary two-thirds majority in the Bundesrat.

It states there is nothing contrary to the constitution in West Germany's treaties with the West, the Bonn conventions and

the European Defence Community (EDC) treaty. These would give her virtual sovereignty and allow West German contingents to serve in the European Army.

## FRANCE'S ATTITUDE

But under the occupation statute the amendment, if passed by Parliament, must then be approved by the Allied High Commission before it can come into force.

Informed Allied sources have said the High Commission, largely on French insistence, will make approval effective only from the date on which the EDC comes into force.

France feels it would be inconsistent to agree to legislation giving Germany the theoretical power to rearm before the EDC comes into being, these sources said.

The Social Democratic opposition, opposed to West German participation in the European Army, is still studying the possibility of bringing a constitutional complaint against the amendment.—China Mail Special.

## DEMONSTRATIONS

Paris, Mar. 14.

Demonstrations against the European Defence Community Treaty occurred in many Paris precincts and in the provinces today when delegations laid wreaths at war memorials in protest over ratification of the EDC Treaty and German rearmament.

In response to the appeals of various organisations sponsoring the anti-EDC movement, delegations brought flowers to cenotaphs in tribute to the war dead and to those who died fighting for the liberation of France.

Reports reaching here tonight said the demonstrations took place in perfect calm.—France-Press.

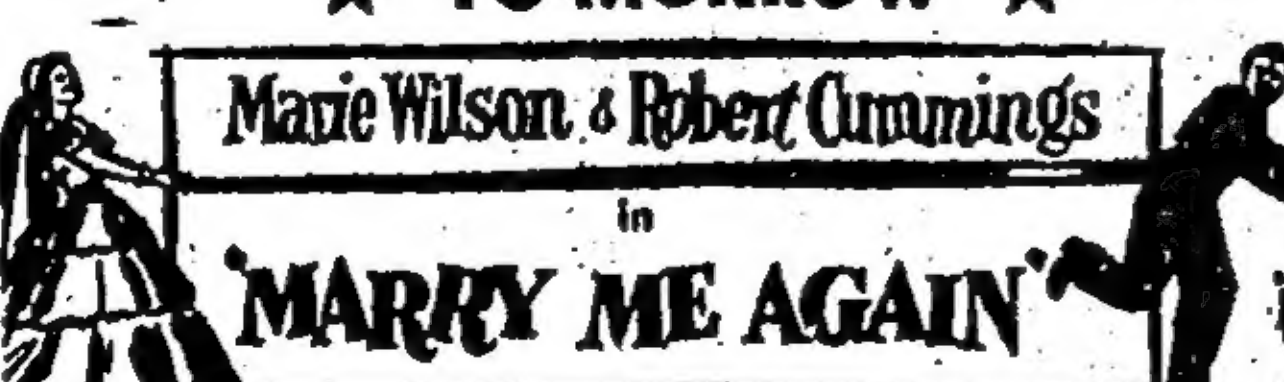
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Actress Mara Lane, who has just signed a contract with a Hollywood studio, wore this gown with a tight hobble skirt when attending a film premiere in London. She had difficulty in getting out of the car when arriving, and said "I can't walk very well, as I only had time to practise sitting down before leaving for the theatre!" The skirt is trimmed with a band of diamante embroidery.—Express Photo.

## West Germany Is Reburying Nazi War Criminals

Ninety-one German war criminals executed by the British and buried in unmarked graves in Hamelin prison are being exhumed. They are being buried by the German authorities in the municipal cemetery.

They include Josef Kramer, the "beast of Belzen," Irma Grese, "the woman with the whip and dog," and most of the other notorious Nazi concentration camp officials.

The reburial is the result of years of agitation by right-wing elements in Lower Saxony. Reports that it was made necessary by structural alterations in the prison grounds are untrue. There are no such alterations.

The opening of the graves was begun a few days ago on the orders of the Lower Saxony Ministry of Justice.

The remains are being put in separate coffins for burial in separate graves.

The Lower Saxony Finance Ministry allocated about £1,700 for the purpose.

The executions were carried out at Hamelin by Pierpoint, the British hangman, after an appeal before British courts in Germany between 1945 and 1948. The total number of war criminals executed by the British was 100.

They included another 64 who were executed at Hamelin. These were buried mostly in unmarked graves outside the prison.

The prison was handed over to the German authorities in 1950. The names of the buried criminals and the exact position of the graves were not given to the German authorities.

They were eventually discovered and identified by the German prison authorities, who laid out a flower bed to commemorate them.

GERMAN COMMENT  
The report of the reburial in the Hanover newspaper Hanoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, after saying that the sentences

were passed for "alleged" war crimes and crimes against humanity, added:

"These 91 'war criminals', executed by British military justice by the axe or the rope, were consigned to a mass grave in the prison yard. For a long time there was no reminder in the prison yard of this gruesome execution."

"Under the conditions then prevailing this leaves open the question whether guilty and innocent were not struck down indiscriminately. On the German side the fact was known, but it was not possible to give the executed persons at least a worthy last resting place."

The allegation that the war criminals were thrown by the British into a mass grave is untrue. As for the suggestion of innocence, only where crimes established in open court were so revolting that the exercise of clemency was utterly impossible were death sentences carried out.

## Fewer Tensions In World Says Mrs Pandit

Madras, Mar. 14.  
"Tensions in the world today are less than they were," declared Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, President of the United Nations General Assembly, when interviewed here by the Press today.

Mrs. Pandit, who arrived in Madras today on her way to Colombo on a week's holiday, added that "all of us must explore the areas of agreement to the fullest extent knowing as we do the results of failure."

She refused to comment on the election speech of the Soviet Premier, M. George Malenkov, because of her position as President of the United Nations General Assembly. "However, I always welcome any statement which shows friendship and understanding towards other nations," she said.—Express Photo.

## Caracas Decision on Communism

## 'Momentous Reiteration Of Portion Of Monroe Doctrine'

Washington, Mar. 14.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on his return from Caracas today, said the Inter-American conference has made a "momentous" reiteration of "a portion of the Monroe doctrine which has largely been forgotten."

This portion relates "to the extension to this hemisphere of the political system of despotic European powers," Mr Dulles said in a statement immediately after his plane landed at National Airport.

Mr Dulles spent two weeks at Caracas as chief of the United States delegation at the 10th Inter-American conference. He left Mr Henry F. Holland, new assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, to represent the United States during the remainder of the meeting.

Mr Dulles said he is "very satisfied" with the results obtained so far at Caracas. But he added that important problems remained to be dealt with.

"I am particularly anxious that better understandings be reached in relation to economic and social matters of common concern," he said.

Mr Dulles was greeted at the airport by his deputy Secretary of State, Mr Walter Bedell Smith, acting assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Mr Robert Woodward.

## MOMENTOUS DECLARATION

He told reporters on his arrival: "I am very satisfied with the results so far obtained at the Inter-American conference at Caracas. Yesterday the committee with only the negative vote of Guatemala made a momentous declaration of principles. In effect, it makes as the international policy of this hemisphere a portion of the Monroe Doctrine which has largely been forgotten and which relates to the extension to this hemisphere of the political system of despotic European powers."

Useful discussions have been going on with reference to economic and commercial matters and a better understanding will, I am confident, come out of the conference.

"We have had good results so far primarily because we were advocating a policy which was good, namely the integrity and

political and economic well-being of this hemisphere.

"Many important problems remain to be dealt with and I am particularly anxious that better understandings be reached in relation to economic and social matters of common concern.—United Press.

## Won't Give Up Their Sit-Down Hunger Strike

Cairo, Mar. 14.

Madame Doris Shafik, 36-year-old leader of the El Nil (Daughters of the Nile) movement, who is still on a sit-down hunger strike in the Press Syndicate Building here today, said a delegation of her women supporters to President Naguib, who was presiding at a meeting of the Revolution Council Command for a formal undertaking that women would be admitted to the Constituent Assembly.

Madame Shafik—once declared as "too beautiful to lecture at Cairo University"—started the hunger strike on Friday "until women are admitted to the Constituent Assembly." She was later joined by some 20 supporters.

The women hunger strikers, wearing pyjamas and dressing gowns, said today: "We shall win in the end."

Today Madame Shafik's husband, Dr Nur El Dinragal, a well-known Cairo lawyer, urged his wife to give up the hunger strike tonight. Former Prime Minister Aly Maher, now Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee, again appealed to the women to end the demonstration. Aly Maher visited Madame Shafik yesterday and pleaded: "We will defend your rights in the Constituent Assembly."—Reuters.

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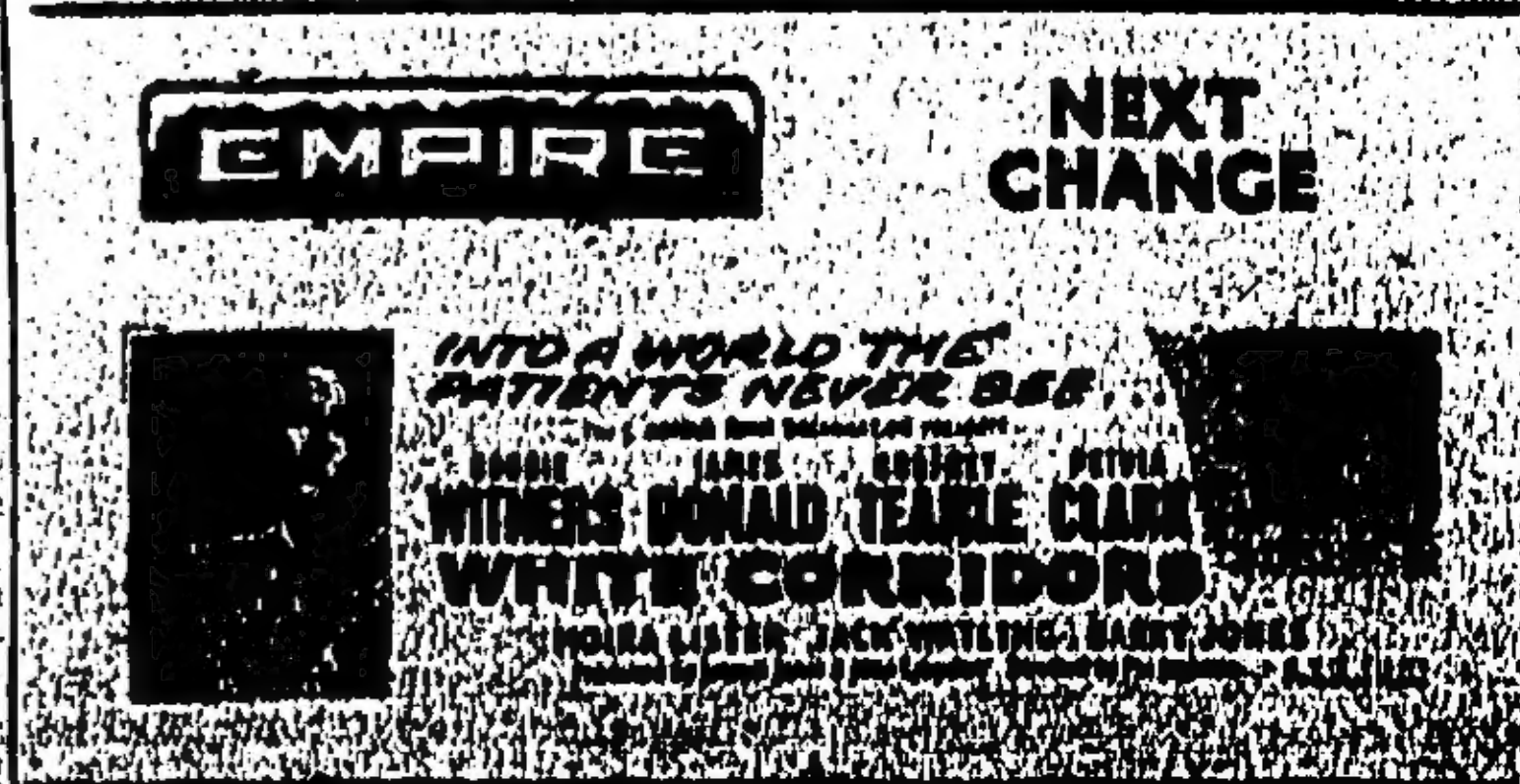
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# LYTTELTON ENDORSES NEW UK POLICY ON KENYA

## Using "General China" To Seek Surrenders

Nairobi, Mar. 14.

The Colonial Secretary Mr Oliver Lyttelton, told Kenya in a broadcast tonight the British Government wholly endorsed the policy of using the Mau Mau "General China" in an attempt to bring about the wholesale surrenders of other terrorists.

He said it was "the growing feeling amongst terrorists in certain areas that the game is up that has led to General China's offer to induce the surrender not only of his own followers but of others."

Mr Lyttelton said General China's offer was not "a bargain for his life. It arose from a deep seated feeling that nothing was to be gained by continuing the struggle."

Mr Lyttelton, speaking on the eve of his departure from the Colony, declared there was no question of negotiating with the terrorists. "What we are trying to do is to make it possible for them to surrender," he said.

Europeans have bitterly criticised the Government's use of "General China." He was captured by security forces and carried out negotiations with other Mau Mau leaders while under sentence of death. This was later commuted.

Mr Lyttelton recalled that a group of British Members of Parliament had congratulated the Government on using "General China" for this purpose. "Such congratulations are entirely misplaced," he said.

"We have to use, however, whatever means we can, to bring about the surrender of the Mau Mau. The use of force, which may shorten the process, may stop the butchery of a loyal population and bring the sinister terms which hang over so much of the country to an end."

### THREE OBJECTIVES

The Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, and the Commander-in-Chief, Sir George Fergusson, could not neglect any opportunity of saving lives or reducing the strain on the people of Kenya.

Discussing his new proposals for setting up a multi-racial Government and starting a War Council, Mr Lyttelton said there were three objectives underlying the plans:

1. "To bring to an end an era of government only by officials and associate the inhabitants of Kenya with the responsibilities of Government."
2. "Participation in the Government should be shared by Europeans, Africans, Asians and Arabs."
3. "Springing from this new form of Government, we should have a sharper cutting edge against the Mau Mau."

### FREE FROM FEAR

The changes were designed to make all races responsible for defeating the terrorists and freeing Kenya from fear. He said that though at first there were "some deplorable incidents" in the police such incidents had not been condoned and police discipline and morale had greatly improved. "The

## African Leader Resigns

Nairobi, Mar. 14.

The African political leader, Mr Mathu, today tendered his resignation from the Colony's Executive Council to Governor Sir Evelyn Baring.

It was to mark his "personal protest" against not being informed of the plan before Mr Lyttelton's arrival on the Colony a fortnight ago.

He claimed that other unofficial (non Government) members of the Executive Council had been told the outlines of the plan by the Governor.

Six African members of the Legislative Council threatened to resign from the Council when they met the Colonial Secretary at Government House today. It was understood they again declared their opposition to a plan for a new Government which included only one African as a minister and demanded more representation.

Asian political leaders who at first welcomed the new proposals were also understood to have made plain that they were reluctant to accept office in the Government unless Africans were given increased representation. — Reuter.

We cannot win by setting aside the rule of law. Six months ago Mau Mau had the initiative. Today nearly 70 out of every 100 incidents were initiated by the security forces.

The new constitution he proposed could not succeed "without the determination of all races to make it work." It would require much wisdom, foresight, courage and, above all, forbearance and patience.

### NEW PROPOSAL

Mr Lyttelton disclosed that African political leaders had today proposed to him and the Governor that the proposed Council of Ministers in the reorganised Government should include four European unofficial members, two Africans and two Asians.

This would increase by one each European and African unofficial representation on the Council compared with the original "Lyttelton Plan" for the reorganisation of the Government announced last week.

The African leaders had initiated the proposal this afternoon, Mr Lyttelton said, and the Governor had agreed to transmit it to the other racial groups.

He said the proposal had not been initiated by either himself or the Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring. Mr Lyttelton said he had "no inkling" what reception the African proposal would receive from the other racial groups. — Reuter.



No man leaves a vacuum behind him when he goes, but a dictator leaves a vortex!

In Syria two weeks ago there was a vortex where once stood the stocky figure of ex-sergeant Shishakli. For two years Shishakli ruled in place of the Constitution he abolished when he wrested power from the 78-year-old President, Atassi.

Atassi is back. The Constitution is coming back. But in the wake of the departed dictator comes the threat of trouble.

This news map shows why. Shishakli was the vigorous opponent of a union between Syria, Iraq and Jordan. Now that he has gone, that union may begin to take shape. Shishakli had no friends in Israel, but there are leaders in

the young country who regret his departure, and who would sooner have a border war now with Syria and Jordan than wait till unity makes these neighbours stronger.

The vortex which Dictator Shishakli left behind him in Damascus could still drag Syria's neighbours into that bigger whirlpool—war.

## Fatemi's Condition Worse: Questioning Begins

Teheran, Mar. 14.

Informed sources said today Hussein Fatemi, the Foreign Minister of the previous Mossadegh Government was in "constant" touch with the Soviet Embassy during the eight months he eluded a nation-wide man hunt by the Iranian Government.

Fatemi, was knifed and seriously injured by a howling mob before he could be gaoled after his arrest yesterday. Although doctors attended Fatemi throughout today his condition was reported to have deteriorated.

He was given blood transfusions but official spokesmen denied persistent rumours he had died.

The military prosecutor, Hossein Azamoudeh, who has demanded a death sentence for Fatemi, visited him today despite his condition and began preliminary interrogation.

The authorities found two radio receiver-transmitter sets in Fatemi's hiding place, as well as \$30,000 in cheques and "important documents," informed sources said. The sources said Fatemi often visited officials at the Soviet Embassy since his downfall and period in hiding. Police today informed the officers who arrested Fatemi that they would share in the \$30,000 reward offered for his capture.

### LOST LOT OF BLOOD

Fatemi is being treated in the Military Hospital at the Ghassor Garrison three miles north of Teheran.

Fatemi was reported to have lost a great deal of blood from a stab wound, in the same area of his body where he was shot by a would-be assassin two years ago. The assassin belonged to the fanatical Fidayyan Islam (Warriors of Islam) sect headed by the bearded Mullah Ayatullah Kashani.

Fatemi, disguised with a long beard and wearing purple pyjamas, was found in the suburbs. Police forced him at pistol point to shout, "Long Live the Shah." He fell to his knees, was marched off to the headquarters of the Military Government. A mob of 200 fell on him and knifed him, crying "Death to this traitor." — United Press.

### Snow In England

London, Mar. 14. Snow and sleet fell in south-west England early today. But by dawn it had all turned to rain. — China Mail Special.

## Montagu To Be Tried In Castle

### Great Hall Of Winchester

London, Mar. 14.

The series of trials of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu on morals charges will move into the great hall of Winchester Castle tomorrow to accommodate the expected crowd.

The 27-year-old Peer was charged in this case with committing serious offences and gross indecency with two members of the Royal Air Force. Co-defendants were Montagu's cousin, Michael Pitt-Rivers, and a journalist, Peter Wildeblood.

Hamphire Assizes, the court before which the three will be tried, moved the trial in the great hall of the Castle, where Sir Walter Raleigh was tried for treason in 1603. The judge will sit under the ancient woodwork reputed to have been the top of King Arthur's round table. Police aroused Montagu from bed early on January 9 and took him to the station to be booked. He was freed on bail.

### DENIED ALL CHARGES

Later last year he was tried on charges involving a 14-year-old boy scout. A jury cleared him on one count and was unable to agree on another. The handsome former Grenadier Guardsman denied all charges in both cases. Once regarded as one of England's most eligible bachelors, Montagu was out of the country when charges were filed in the first case. He visited relatives in the United States and toured France before returning. He was arrested on his arrival in England. While the charges were pending, he called off his engagement. — United Press.

## India Refuses Visas To US Servicemen

New Delhi, Mar. 14.

India has refused visas for a group of American servicemen due to join the United Nations team of observers in Kashmir, according to usually reliable sources here.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, declared two weeks ago that American military observers in the form which supervises the ceasefire line could no longer be treated as neutrals.

He was making a statement in the House of the People on the American decision to grant military aid to Pakistan.

According to sources here today, the group of Americans were to replace others in the observer team who were due for repatriation to the United States.

A spokesman in the American Embassy tonight said the Embassy had not yet been asked to issue visas for the group. Government officials here said the group was to be replaced by a new team of observers.

## Queen Plans To Move Her Court To Windsor

London, Mar. 15.

Queen Elizabeth plans to move her court from Buckingham Palace to her favourite home, Windsor Castle, 20 miles west of London, the Sunday newspaper, The People, said.

The newspaper said the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh want more freedom of movement and a healthy country home for their two children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, particularly as more Royal visits to the Dominions and colonies are likely.

First moves in a long-term plan to transfer the court are being made behind the scenes, the newspaper said, and they await the Queen's approval when she returns from her Commonwealth tour in May.

"An 18-month programme is being mapped out, which will provide for:

"State ceremonial functions only to be held at Buckingham Palace; historical apartments—to be opened to the public; the Council Chamber, where the Queen will receive her Ministers, to be included in 18 extra rooms for the private apartments at the Castle."

The paper said the Queen liked Buckingham Palace no more than her father, who called it "an ice box."

"Her grandfather said it would make a good hotel—it warmed up and to King Edward VII it was a sepulchre."

### A-BOMB SHELTER

Only Queen Victoria, liked Buckingham Palace as a home, the newspaper said.

A new covered entrance was being built at Windsor Castle by which the Royal Family could enter and leave their private apartments without being seen.

"Plans are almost complete also for an atom bomb shelter," the People continued.

The newspaper said most of the Palace staff welcome a permanent transfer to Windsor.

"One thing is clear. A vast change is about to take place in the whole organisation of Buckingham Palace—which may shock many traditionally-minded citizens," the People added. — China Mail Special.

## Huks Clash With Govt Troops

Manila, Mar. 15.

Government troops secure a vital mountain on the border of Pangasinan and Zambales provinces in central Luzon on Sunday after a three-hour battle with heavily armed Huk forces forming part of Huk supreme commander Luis Taruc's elite guard.

This was the first contact with the elusive Huk forces since operation "Milagro" was launched by the Army Command more than three weeks ago.

While no casualty list was released, army sources said the Huks suffered heavily. Army scout rangers spearheading the ascent on the mountain razed 18 Huk huts and seized two enemy production bases.

Faced by the superior Government troops, the Huks slowly retreated toward Mount Pinatubo, about ten air miles away.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that a top-ranking official of the big Sugar centre of Pangasinan has been "expelled" as giving financial aid to the Huks.

The disclosure was made to army probes by an employee of the sugar enterprise.

However, another official of the firm told army probes that they had to play ball with the Huks since the company's operational line extended up to Huk-infested areas. — France-Press.

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## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Assailed playfully (6).
  - 2 Compel (5).
  - 3 Retort (5).
  - 4 Curious (5).
  - 5 Constraint (6).
  - 6 Wayward (7).
  - 7 Treacher (7).
  - 8 Scanty (6).
  - 9 Bold (5).
  - 10 Blushed (6).
  - 11 Savour (6).
  - 12 Blotch (6).

- DOWN
- 1 Weary (5).
  - 2 View (5).
  - 3 Contrived (7).
  - 4 Animal food (6).
  - 5 Part of a car (6).
  - 6 Foreign (6).
  - 7 Goes back (6).
  - 8 Remains (7).
  - 9 Collaps (6).
  - 10 Fails (6).
  - 11 Vigilant (6).
  - 12 Finished (6).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1 Torso, 4 Devours, 8 Over, 9 Tor, 10 Foreign, 11 Deed, 12 Reveal, 13 Thrust, 14 Carve, 15 Shiller, 16 Team, 17 List, 18 Expelled, 19 Ideal, 20 Year, 21 Blunder, 22 Lane, 23 Down, 24 Orson, 25 Border, 26 Chief, 27 Echo, 28 Ounce, 29 Regal, 30 Bias, 31 Guide, 32 Aura, 33 Stem, 34 Dope, 35 Attire, 36 Vast, 37 Novel, 38 Link, 39 Rider.

## Undergraduates Motion said

## "Chastity Is Not Desirable"

Johannesburg, Mar. 14.

A motion that "chastity is not desirable" was passed by 34 votes to 19 at a debate by medical students of Witwatersrand University.

About 200 students, including a number of women, were present when the debate began but by the time the vote was taken the number had dwindled to fewer than 60.

When the vote was taken only one of the women present voted against the motion. Several of the 150 men present, who

moved that "chastity is not desirable," said that unmarried people, male and female, become biologically adults some years before social custom and the legal system recognize them as such.

They said that to recognize the mature capacity of the young people to make their own decisions was to recognize their right to make their own choices.

Understand that they were the ones who had maximum sexual capacity," he said.

He referred to literature and pointed out that Juliet was only 15 when Romeo made love to her.

One of the great loves of history would be recognized as an immature love affair, he said, and a young man or woman who



# Miss Achelis wants to change your year

New York. In an office in a Fifth Avenue skyscraper sits a white-haired, aquiline-nosed woman wearing amethyst rings and an amethyst bracelet to match her amethyst-coloured wool dress.

She might be an English dowager planning the next parish bazaar.

She is Miss Elisabeth Achelis, the wealthy American spinster who wants to reform the world by giving it a new calendar.

Now, after 25 years of campaigning, Miss Achelis (pronounced A-kay-lis) thinks she may get her way. India's Premier Nehru has taken up her idea, and has got her World Calendar put up for discussion by the United Nations' Economic and Social Council when they meet in Geneva next July.

Favourite heroine of Brooklyn-born Miss Achelis is Florence Nightingale, and the Lady with the Lamp, too, is a dedicated person.

She takes no holidays beyond an occasional long week-end. She pours some 50,000 dollars (£17,800) a year into her project. She thinks and dreams of nothing but the time—when according to Premier Nehru, ought to start on January 1, 1955—when every quarter will have precisely 91 days, and Christmas will always fall on a Monday.

## Piercing Eyes

As she looks with her piercing blue eyes she demanded: "What day of the week were you born?"

She seemed disconcerted when I told her I was Sunday. "Most people don't know," she said. "But the new generation that will grow up with the World Calendar will have true birth-DAYS and just birth-DATES. We do. For the date will fall on the same day every year."

Elisabeth Achelis is the daughter of the late Fritz Achelis, who was a millionaire businessman with ancestral roots in Schleswig-Holstein. How did she come to be a calendar-reformer?

"It happened in 1920, in summer," she recalls. "I was just an ordinary society woman, interested in charities and so on. I had never in my life thought of changing the calendar. I was quite satisfied with the calendar as it is."

In this unregenerate state, Miss Achelis went to spend a



MISS ACHELIS  
"Thirteen months would be a calamity."

vacation at the Lake Placid Club in the Adirondacks, where holiday relaxations are painlessly injected with lectures on a variety of cultural subjects. One day she heard a Dr Melvil Dewey talk on "How to Simplify Life."

He had three themes, of which the first was simplified spelling. "I was not interested in that," said Miss Achelis. Nor did she pay much attention to the doctor's plan to unify weights and measures. His third point was calendar reform.

"It immediately fascinated me," Miss Achelis says. "For a long time afterwards I thought about it. But there was something wrong. Dr Dewey's plan was for a 13-month calendar. I didn't like that at all. The calendar that so displeased Miss Achelis was the Eastman International Fixed Calendar backed by millionaire Kodak king George Eastman, which provided for 13 28-day months and one extra day."

Then, two months later, Miss Achelis saw a letter in a newspaper from Mr Lewis E. Arbaugh, of Denver, Colorado. It advocated a 12-month perpetual calendar of equal quarters, and said Miss Achelis, "I knew that was for me."

## Her Dismay

She read every book she could find on calendars. She heard that the League of Nations would consider calendar reform at their Geneva meeting in 1931. "To my dismay," she said, "this discussion was to be on the 13-month calendar."

Thereafter she moved fast. She engaged Mr Charles Morris, an American foreign correspondent with wide European experience, to fight the League proposal with her. (Mr Morris is still her right-hand man.) They helped the formation of the British Parliamentary Com-

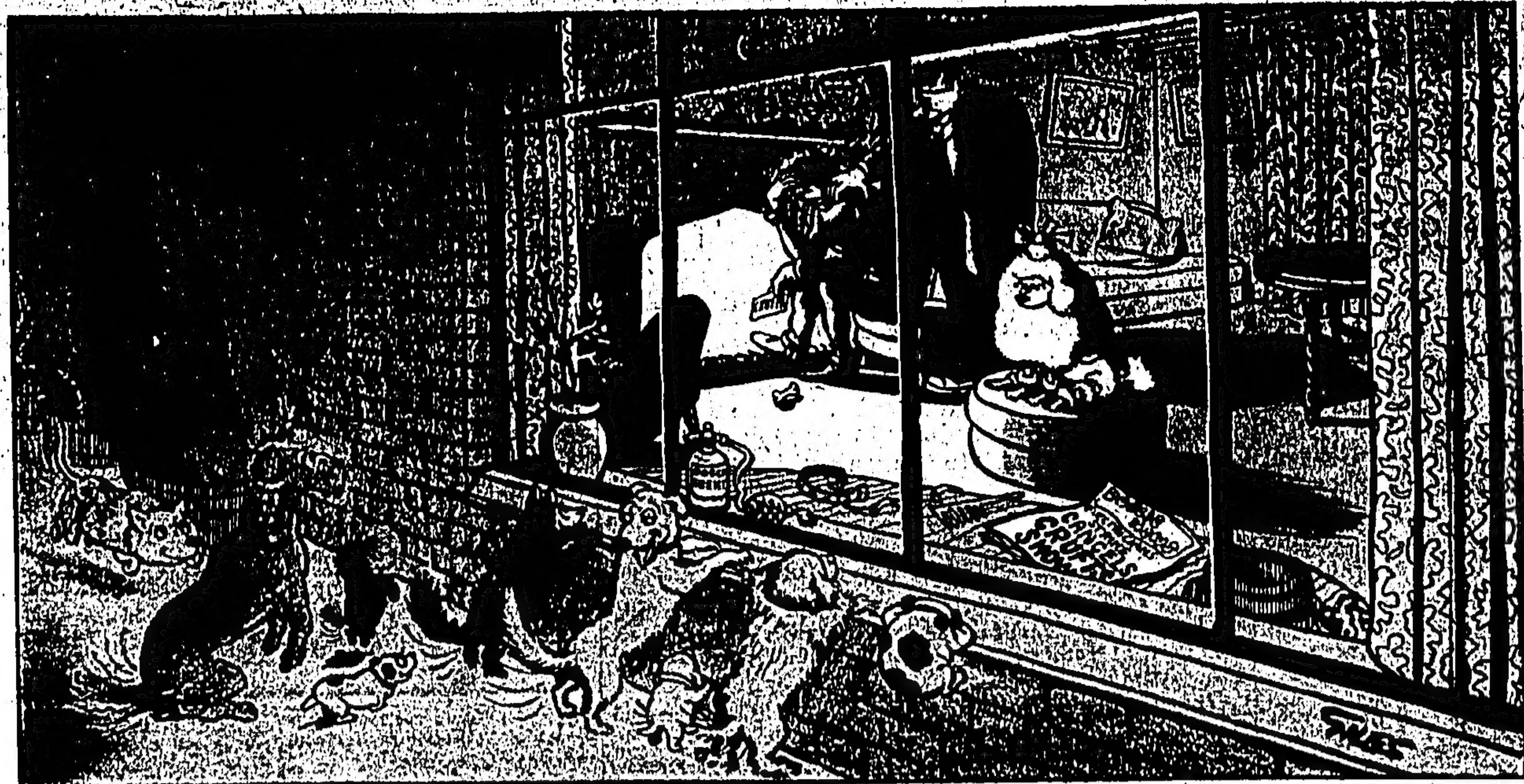
mittee on Calendar Reform, with a membership of British MPs, and took the committee to Geneva, since America was not a member of the League and an American millionaire's calendar could hardly carry weight.

"Looking back," says Miss Achelis, "it was a phenomenal success. Yugoslavia and Canada were for the 13-month calendar; Greece and Switzerland voted for the World Calendar. That 13-month calendar would have been a calamity."

Miss Achelis has distinguished support in Britain with Lord Merthyr as chairman of the association's affiliation in London. One of her most enthusiastic supporters is Sir Harold Spencer Jones, the Astronomer Royal.

With all her preoccupation with dates, there is just one on which the calendar woman keeps silence absolute. That is the date of her birth. Age does not matter, she thinks to one so progressive.

—Evelyn Irons



"Come and see Fancy-pants—all dressed up and nowhere to go."

London Express Service

## Continuing the DEPTFORD HORROR by Adrian Conan Doyle

### WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

A frightened young woman, Janet Wilson, lives in her family's big tumbledown house in Deptford. There have been three mysterious deaths. Her father was found drowned in the Thames. Her mother and her brother died apparently of heart attacks—but there was a look of terror on her brother's face when he was found. Now Janet wants to sell the property. Her uncle, Theobald, who also lives in the house, and trains canaries, calls in Sherlock Holmes to calm the girl's fears. Dr Watson tells how they arrive in Deptford.

ON descending from our four-wheeler, we found ourselves in a lane of mean slatternly houses sloping, so far as I could judge from the yellow mist that was already creeping up the lower end, to the river's edge. At one side was a high wall of crumbling brickwork pierced by an iron gate through which we caught a glimpse of a substantial mansion lying in its own garden.

"The old house has known better days," said our companion as we followed him through the gate and up the path. "It was built in the year that Peter the Great came to live in Seales Court, whose palace park can be seen from the upper windows."

Usually I am not unduly affected by my surroundings, but I must confess that I was aware of a feeling of depression at the melancholy spectacle that lay before us. The house, though of dignified and even imposing proportions, was faced with blotched weather-stained plaster which had fallen away in places to disclose the ancient brickwork that lay beneath, while a tangled mass of ivy covering one wall had sent its long tendrils across the high-peaked roof to wreath itself around the chimney stacks.

The garden was an overgrown wilderness, and the air of the whole place reeked with the damp musty smell of the river.

Theobald Wilson led us through a small hall into a comfortably furnished drawing room. A young woman with auburn hair and a freckled face, who was sorting through some papers at a writing desk, sprang to her feet at our entrance.

"Here are Mr Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson," announced our companion. "This is my niece Janet, whose interests you are here to protect against her own unreasonable conduct. Lady faced us bravely enough, though I noted a twitch and tremor of the lips that spoke of a high nervous tension. 'I am leaving tomorrow, Uncle,' she cried, 'and nothing that these gentlemen can say will alter my decision. Here, there is only sorrow and fear—above all, fear!'"

"Fear of what?"

The girl passed her hand over her eyes. "I—I cannot explain. I hate the shadows and the funny little noises." "You have inherited both money and property," Janet said. "Will you, because of shadows, desert the roof of your father's house?"

"We are here only to serve you, young lady," said Holmes. "The world is full of things that you are afraid of, but we are here to show you that they are not so terrible as you imagine."

"You will laugh at a woman's intuitions, sir."

"By no means. They are often the signposts of Providence. Understand clearly that you will go or stay as you see fit. But perhaps, as I am here, it might relieve your mind to show me over the house."

"An admirable suggestion!" cried Theobald Wilson cheerily. "Come, Janet, we will soon dispose of your shadows and noises."

In a little procession we trooped from one over-furnished room to another on the ground floor.

"I will take you to the bedrooms," said Miss Wilson as we paused at last before the staircase.

"Are there no cellars in a house of this antiquity?"

"There is one cellar," Mr Holmes, but it is little used save for the storage of wood and some of Uncle's old nest-boxes. This way, please."

It was a gloomy stone-built chamber in which we found ourselves. A stack of wood was piled against one wall and a pot-bellied Dutch stove, its iron pipe running through the ceiling, filled the far corner.

Through a glazed door reached by a line of steps and opening into the garden, a dim light filtered down upon the flagstones. Holmes sniffed the air keenly, and I was myself aware of an increased mustiness from the nearby river.

"Like most Thames-side houses, you must be plagued by rats," he remarked.

"We used to be. But, since Uncle came here, he has got rid of them."

"Quite so, Dear me," he continued, peering down at the floor. "What busy little fellows!"

"Holmes had halted near the window and was staring intently at the upper wall. Then, mounting the sill, he stretched out an arm and, touching the plaster lightly here and there, sniffed at his fingertips. There was a puzzled frown on his face as he clambered down and commenced to circle slowly around the room, his eyes fixed upon the ceiling.

"Most singular," he muttered. "Is anything wrong, Mr Holmes?" faltered Miss Wilson. "I am merely interested to account for these oddwhirls and lines across the upper wall and plaster."

"It must be these dried cockroaches dragging the dust all over the place," exclaimed Wilson apologetically. "I've told you before, Janet, that you would be better employed in supervising the servants' work. But what now, Mr Holmes?"

"My friend who had crossed to the side-door and glanced with an uneasy stare at the wall, and already through the yellow vapour thickening and writhing above the pavement the occasional wayfarer was nothing more than a vague, hurrying shadow."

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all my professional career. From floor to ceiling it was festooned with scores of cages and the little golden-coated singers within filled the air with their sweet warbling and trilling.

"Daylight or lamplight, it's all the same to them. Here, Currie, Currie!" he whistled a few liquid notes which I seemed to recognise. The bird took them up into a lovely cadency of song.

"Precisely. As I said before, the Fringilla if properly trained are the supreme imitators."

"I touched them, smelt them, examined them. They were speckles and lines of wood-"

"No. There was the same arrangement in the adjoining room where the mother died."

"I see nothing in this save an old-fashioned system of heating flues."

"And what of the marks on the ceiling?"

"You mean the whirls of dust."

"I mean the whirls of soot."

"Soot!" Surely you are mistaken, Holmes."

"Well, there is probably some perfectly natural explanation."

"Our cab had reached the beginning of the City and I was gazing out of the window, my fingers drumming idly on the half-lowered pane, which was already befogged with moisture, when my thoughts were recalled by a sharp exclamation from my companion. He was staring fixedly over my shoulder."

"The glass," he muttered.

Over the clouded surface there now lay an intricate tracery of whirls and lines where my finger had wandered aimlessly.

Holmes clasped his hand to his brow and throwing open the other window, he shouted an order to the cabby. The vehicle turned in its tracks and, with the driver lashing at his horse, we clattered away into the thickening gloom.

"Ah, Watson, Watson, true it is that none are so blind as those who will not see!" quoted Holmes bitterly, sinking back into his corner. "All the facts were there, staring me in the face and yet logic failed to respond."

"What facts?"

"I confess that I do not recognise that song. I remarked as one of the birds broke into a low rising whistle ending in a curious tremolo."

Mr Wilson threw a towel over the cage. "It is the song of a tropic nightbird," he said shortly, "and, as I have the foolish pride to prefer my birds to sing the songs of the day while it is day, we will punish Peperino by putting him in darkness."

"I am surprised that you prefer an open fireplace here to a stove," observed Holmes. "There must be a considerable draught."

"I have not noticed one. Dear me, the fog is indeed increasing. I am afraid, Mr Holmes, that you have a bad journey before you."

"Then we must be on our way."

As we descended the stairs and paused in the hall while Theobald Wilson fetched our hats, Sherlock Holmes leaned over towards our young companion.

"I would remind you, Miss Wilson, of what I said earlier about a woman's intuition," he said quietly. "There are occasions when the truth can be seen. Good night."

A moment later we were feeling our way down the garden path to where the lights of our waiting four-wheeler shone dimly through the rising fog.

"My companion was sunk in thought as we rumbled westward through the mean streets whose equal was the more aggressive under the garish light of the gas-lamps that flared and whistled outside. The night promised to be a bad one, and already through the yellow vapour thickening and writhing above the pavement the occasional wayfarer was nothing more than a vague, hurrying shadow."

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She peered at us across the light of the candle in her hand.

Through the mist, the dark gloom of the house was broken by a single feeble light in an upper window. "It is Miss Wilson's room," said Holmes. "Let us hope that this handful of gravel will rouse her without alarming the household."

An instant later, there came the sound of an opening window. "Who is there?" demanded a tremulous voice.

"It is Sherlock Holmes," my friend called back softly. "My friend speak with you at once, Miss Wilson. Is there a side-door?"

"There is one in the wall to your left. But what has happened?"

"Pray descend immediately. Not a word to your uncle."

We felt our way along the wall and reached the door just as it opened to disclose Miss Wilson. She was in her dressing gown, her hair tumbled about her shoulders, and, as her startled eyes peered at us across the light of the candle in her hand, the shadows danced and trembled on the wall behind her.

"What is it, Mr Holmes?" she gasped.

"All will be well, if you carry out my instructions," my friend replied quietly. "Where is your uncle?"

"He is in his room."

"Good. While Dr Watson and I occupy your room, you will move into your late brother's bedroom. If you value your life," he added solemnly, "you will not attempt to leave it."

"You frighten me!" she whimpered.

"Rest assured that we will take care of you. And now two final questions before you retire. Has your uncle visited you this evening?"

"Yes. He brought Peperino and put him with the other birds in the cage in my room. He said that as it was my last night at home I should have the best entertainment that he had the power to give me."

"Hat! Quite so. Your last night. Tell me, Miss Wilson, do you suffer at all from the same malady as your brother and brother?"

"A weak heart? I must confess it, yes."

"Well, we will accompany you quietly upstairs where you will retire to the adjoining room. Come, Watson."

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# SAINTS MAKE SURE OF THE PENNANT WITH A DAZZLING 8-6 VICTORY OVER CAA

By "SNOOPER"

At last Jindoo Hussain's Saints have done justice to themselves in a pennant final. Last year they failed and the Braves copied the title, but yesterday's 8-6 victory over Mak Kwong's Chinese Athletic Association went a long way towards wiping out those two setbacks to the Pandas and the USS Orca. The Saints, on their showing yesterday, have proved themselves worthy Champions of the Senior "A" Softball league.

With a dazzling display of brilliant softball, which cut the Chinese Athletic Association's defence into ribbons, the newly-crowned Champions were four runs up at the top of the second inning and this laid the foundations of a most deserved victory.

Hussain's jubilant Saints were a team of sparkling stars. It was a grand, exciting game and although the Chinese ballplayers could never aspire to the great heights reached by the Saints, they were gallant challengers in a pennant final. That the CAA scored six runs in the last four frames, including two runs in the seventh, gives some idea of their never-say-die fighting spirit.

The Saints, cramped to a 4-0 lead through the pitching performance of Tommy Lee, who pitched the first seven innings, were not to be taken in by the Braves' attack. At the close of the first inning, the Braves had one run, one hit and one error. The Braves' attack was led by their pitcher, Lee, who pitched the first seven innings, and was not to be taken in by the Braves' attack. At the close of the first inning, the Braves had one run, one hit and one error.

**DISASTROUS INNING**  
After the disastrous second inning, the Braves, who had been leading 1-0, were now down 1-8. The Braves' attack was led by their pitcher, Lee, who pitched the first seven innings, and was not to be taken in by the Braves' attack. At the close of the first inning, the Braves had one run, one hit and one error.

**BIG GAMBLE**  
The main reason for the Chinese Athletic Association's defeat yesterday could be attributed to the wrong line-up in the batting order. The Braves' attack was led by their pitcher, Lee, who pitched the first seven innings, and was not to be taken in by the Braves' attack. At the close of the first inning, the Braves had one run, one hit and one error.

**HITTING SPREE**  
Then Lee Poon-hong hit set a magnificent example and from then onwards the Chinese batters began a hitting spree to outlast the Saints by 8-6 at the close of play. With Tony Kwok on third and K. T. "Rabbit" Leung on second, an excellent hit to left field by Seldon Ma restored the CAA's pennant hopes when the Saints' lead was cut down to 5-4 at the end of the fifth inning.

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## LEAGUE CRICKET

### ARMY LOSE AGAIN

Army completed their Cricket League fixture on Sunday when their Senior XI just managed to hold Kowloon Cricket Club to a draw.

Unlike their Second XI, who went through the season undefeated with 20 straight wins to their credit, the Army XI, who fielded three new players on Saturday, failed to close what has been a very successful season for them, as far as the winning of the two titles was concerned, with another victory. Of their last three matches the Senior Champions lost two and drew one.

#### LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army	18	12	2	0	4.00
Scorpions	17	9	4	1	3.42
Optimists	17	9	4	0	4.40
Reveries	17	8	3	1	3.37
Navy	17	6	4	0	2.28
CCF	17	5	0	0	2.28
RAF	17	4	0	0	7.22
RCC	17	3	5	0	0.31
IRC	10	2	0	0	5.17
HKU	14	1	4	0	0.8
Second Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army	20	20	0	0	0.80
Navy	16	10	1	0	5.41
RAF	16	9	2	0	5.38
Dockyard	16	8	3	0	4.38
Police	12	9	0	0	2.30
DBS	17	4	0	0	7.22
Reveries	13	0	0	0	0.30
IRC	13	3	1	0	9.13
KGV	17	2	3	0	12.11
KCO	18	12	2	0	10.10
HKU	11	0	1	0	10.10

baseball—Benny Omar; shortstop—Dave Leonard; left fielder—Meme Xavier; centre fielder—Sherry Buckle; right fielder—Sherry Buckle.

**CAA—Pitcher—Tony Kwok (P.C. Wong in 4th); catcher—K.K. Sit (Lam Leung-ping); 1st baseman—C. M. Tang; 2nd baseman—Lam (Paul Tin); 3rd baseman—Seldon Ma; shortstop—K.T. "Rabbit" Leung; left fielder—Wong (K.K. Sit); centre fielder—Lee Poon-hong; right fielder—W.C. Chan (Tony Kwok).**

**MUCH REJOICING**  
Manager Fred Ewins and coach Eddie Marques of the Braves rejoiced over their team's second straight victory over Willie Woo's Pandares in the 13-1 to clinch the Senior Ladies' pennant for the first time. Winning pitcher was Sheila Bernall Silva.

Stronger than at any time in the season, the star-studded Braves scored in every inning except the seventh, the feature of the innings being the home run of Sally Sun in the third inning. Although the Pandares were outclassed in this crucial game, and outlasted by 8-5, they proved themselves gallant losers. Amy Cheng came into the limelight by recording a home run in the seventh, and it was an excellent hit against Sheila Silva's deadly pitching.

The champion Braves, who shattered the winning streak of Terry Noronha's Wahoes "A" Champions for the past six seasons, were unbeaten in two victories over both the Owls and the Pandares.

Key batsmen in yesterday's triumph were pitcher Sheila Silva, catcher Aida Oliveira, Bunnie Remedios at first, Sally Sun at third, shortstop Antonia Remedios, and centre-fielder Dolly Norman.

Most successful batter of the game was Pandares' shortstop Amy Cheng, who had two hits in four in addition to a home run in the seventh. Singles were gained by Stella Pih, Bernia Chan and Diane Tong.

With Pitcher May Wu disappointing, considering her remarkable feats against both the Wahoes "A" and the Braves in the early stages of the League season, the Pandares were unable to cope with the all-round superiority of the Braves yesterday.

One could not have hoped for a close finish when the Braves went on their scoring spree in the second and third frames, scoring no fewer than six runs.

Four hits were chalked up in the third inning. The Braves had no doubt that they had already won the ball game, and in the fifth they put the game on ice by scoring another five runs.

The Pandares ruined whatever chances they had through poor fielding. The Chinese girls never threatened real danger and did not look like the champion ballplayers that they were when they downed the Wahoes "A" in the second round encounter.

**TRIPLE TIE**  
Bill Silva's Delawares displayed great courage to beat Jack Carvalho's Wildfires by 11-3 to qualify for the Final Play-off Series against both Suzman's Americans and Jimmy Herick's Pandas for the Senior "B" pennant.

The Delawares gained the upper hand up till the fourth when a 3-1 lead in a two-run fifth inning by the Wildfires tied up the ball game. Both teams were held scoreless in the sixth and it was only through a change of luck in the seventh that the Delawares went on an eight-run spree and a five-hit performance to sew up the game.



(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Ray Daniel, Sunderland and Welsh international centre-half, is pressing his club for a regular first team place . . . or a transfer. He has had another talk with chairman Mr E.W. Ditchburn.

Daniel says: "I cannot settle down in the North-East and if it comes to a transfer I feel the solution would be for me to return to the South, where I was at the peak of my form."

"If this happens I'm sure I would be happy again. That would probably be the best move for all concerned."

The odds are that, despite their relegation worries, Sunderland will agree to part with the star who cost them £20,000.

**MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE**  
Belton leader Nat Louthouse rates Alf Ramsey, "Spurs" right-back, the most knowledgeable man in soccer, so intensely does Ramsey study the game.

And Nat regards his English colleague as the most constructive back he has seen.

People who criticize Ramsey for being "slow" should listen to Ronnie Burgess, who says Alf can go round the track as quickly as any of the "Spurs."

**STARS NOT WANTED**  
Listen to Gordon Clerk, manager of Aldershot, one of the Cinderella clubs, on the subject of Soccer stars.

"Many of them are too temperamental; too full of their own importance. Maybe it's because they're pampered nowadays," says the former Manchester City back.

"That wasn't the case with men like Harry Hibbs, Frank Swift, and Peter Doherty." Clerk declares that he wouldn't want stars even if he could afford them. His formula for success: "Eleven good solid club men, all fighters. And you must have a personality."

He rates Doherty as the outstanding personality of his day, also "the best inside forward I saw."

You've heard of Walley Barnes, of Arsenal and Wales, footballer extraordinary; of

Walley Barnes, sports dealer and business man. Now make way for Walley Barnes, artist.

Yes, Barnes has gone on the stage. He made a one-night-only appearance at a theatre on a Sunday in an interview act alongside table tennis stars Diane and Rosalind Rowe, snooker player John Pulman, and fight promoter Freddie Mills.

**EASIER PLAYING**  
Norwich manager Norman Law stripped off his smart double-breasted suit last week. He donned a red and white (Norwich second colour) shirt and went back to his old position at centre-half for the weekly practice game.

He said: "I find it a good idea to play with the boys instead of standing on the touchline shouting at them. It's far easier to get your ideas over to them."

One of Low's biggest worries is the club's penalty record this season—five misses in six attempts.

Ron Ashman has missed three penalties. Bobby Brennan has missed one. Says Low: "Try them out at practice. And both will score nine times out of ten."

"It's no use nagging about it. That could make things worse."

If you ask Ronnie Burgess, "Spurs" captain and left half, any question on his playing career, he will draw from his pocket a folded sheet of foolscap on which are recorded all the important dates and events.

It is the work of Mr Robert Burgess, of Cym, Ronnie's father, whose hobby is keeping records of his son's career.

Each season he presents Ronnie with a new, up-to-date chart covering his entire playing career.

**CAME NATURALLY**  
Five years ago Howard Radford, Beol Rover, 23-year-old goalkeeper, had never played football. Now he is in line for a Welsh cap.

Selector Harold Lovell went to Eastville to see how Radford dealt with Leeds United's Welsh leader John Charles. He saw the goalkeeper at his best.

Radford explained his Soccer baptism thus: "When I was in the Army they stuck me in goal because I was no good anywhere else. I liked it because I had always been a wicketkeeper at cricket. Catching the ball came naturally."

He once kept wicket for Glamorgan II.

Brave words by Don Hills, Torquay's inside-left: "I'm all for youngsters being given first-team experience, even if it costs the rest of us a bonus or two."

He has a promising talent at Torquay. League games would bring the lads on.

**BRITISH MOTOR RALLY**  
Blackpool, Mar. 14.  
John Wallwork, 42-year-old garage manager, driving a Triumph, won the British International Motor Rally which ended here yesterday. It was announced today.

Wallwork completed the 2,000 miles (about 3,200 kilometres) road section without loss of marks, a feat achieved by only seven of the 17 drivers who completed the rally. 220 started.

Triumph sports cars were outstanding. F.G. Cooper was second in the general classification in a Triumph, and Miss Mary Walker won the ladies' prize in a similar car.

Triumphs were a close second to Fords in the team trophy. Reuter.

Spain won the first match and the teams will now meet in a decider at Rome for the right to enter the final stages of the Championships in Switzerland. Reuter.

RAF 5, CAA 1

# Airmen Looked Good Enough Yesterday To Beat Better Sides

By I. M. MacTAVISH

In the vast, deserted South China Stadium yesterday afternoon the RAF footballers turned in a display of commonsense soccer that they have not equalled in a long time. Nevertheless one must be cautious in estimating the real value of their play for, truth to tell, the opposition offered by CAA was unbelievably poor and far removed from First Division standard.

The RAF on this occasion looked good enough to beat much better sides than CAA and the play of the forward line was always well conceived and dangerous.

Gilbey had his best game for weeks and in Armstrong he had a partner who was intelligent and quick-thinking in most of the things he did.

This CAA side is just not good enough. There is neither skill nor enthusiasm in their present make-up and after they get a couple of goals behind in the second half several of the players showed little spirit to fight back or to try and improve their position.

There was one incident late in the game which adequately demonstrated this attitude of indifference to the play. Shek-yau sent a fast ball across the goal. It was just a little wide of the three forward colleagues who merely shrugged their shoulders and left the RAF defenders unhindered to clear the ball upfield.

Early play was in favour of the Airmen and Tomlinson in the fourth minute and Leader in the 12th gave them a two-goal lead that accurately reflected their superiority. But also led them into a false state of security and they paid the penalty for slackening when in the 18th minute Leung Lam scored a fine goal for CAA.

The score remained at 2-1 until the 10th minute of the second half when Tomlinson scored direct from a corner kick. This time the Airmen did not make the mistake of losing their grip and four minutes later Gilbey headed a magnificent goal from a perfect cross from Leader.

**FITTING REWARD**  
Armstrong brought the RAF total to five when he culminated Tomlinson by scoring direct from a corner kick. A goal, incidentally, that was a fitting reward for a successful return to first-class football.

Goalkeeper Tam Kwok-luen had a poor afternoon. He never inspired confidence and his positioning for the corner kicks that brought goals was very much suspect.

Only Wong Tai-chuen, Chan Kam-pui, Woo Chiu-chung, Leung Lam and Tam Kam-moon played or fought as one expects players in this class of football to do and only Leung Lam ever matched the Airmen in skill.

The RAF side had a workmanlike look throughout and they did the job on hand in convincing fashion. The defence was master of the situation and Toth and Jones had particularly satisfying performances.

Elston was the only forward who did not get a goal but in no other way was he behind his mates. Leader was always looking for goals and he kept the CAA defence on the stretch all the time.

**VERDICT:** It is always difficult to create football atmosphere in an empty arena as big as the one at Caroline Hill and this game suffered accordingly.

The RAF side gave promise of better things and if they can repeat their performance on Wednesday against South China they may give the Champions a lot of trouble. . . but on this form CAA will cause trouble to no one but themselves.

**THE TEAMS**  
CAA: Tam Kwok-luen; Ko Lai-ming; Wong Tai-chuen; Chan Kam-pui, Chung Hon-chai, Woo Chiu-chung; Tam Kam-moon, Leung Lam, Leung Shiu, Chau Heung-chung, Leo Shek-yau.

RAF: MacLaren; Dowling, Scott, Toth, Jones, Martin; Tomlinson, Elston, Leader, Gilbey, Armstrong.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**  
1st Division  
P W D L Pts  
Army 18 12 2 0 4.00  
Scorpions 17 9 4 1 3.42  
Optimists 17 9 4 0 4.40  
Reveries 17 8 3 1 3.37  
Navy 17 6 4 0 2.28  
CCF 17 5 0 0 2.28  
RAF 17 4 0 0 7.22  
RCC 17 3 5 0 0.31  
IRC 10 2 0 0 5.17  
HKU 14 1 4 0 0.8

2nd Division  
P W D L Pts  
S & S Tamar 18 13 3 2 5.68  
C.A.T. 18 12 3 3 4.55  
Jardines 18 10 4 4 3.89  
Dairy Farm 18 10 2 6 3.61  
Raffles 18 9 3 6 3.40  
K.H. 18 8 4 6 3.22  
K.H. 18 7 5 6 2.94  
Land Crawford 18 6 4 8 2.67  
Sui Po 18 5 5 8 2.50  
Hollandia 18 4 6 8 2.33  
Star Ferry 18 3 7 8 2.00

**HOME GUARD HAVE A FIELD DAY**

The Royal Hongkong Defence Force Rifle Meeting continued yesterday, after a week's rain, with the Home Guard having a field day by taking first and second places respectively in the keenly contested China and Cheylesmore Competitions.

There was a large turnout for the event.

The Commando Cup Competition, slated as yesterday's last team event, had to be postponed due to lack of time.

The Cheylesmore Competition was won by No. 5 Platoon of Hongkong Regiment (Lt. G. Lemay, Corporal T. Sun, Lance Corporal G. N. Tolmakoff, Pte. H. G. Silva and Pte. F. N. V. Luz). Runner-up was No. 3 Platoon, Home Guard (Major J. C. M. Grenham, MBE, VED, Sgt. W. D. White, Auxiliaries A. H. Mooney, C. H. D'Aquino, and A. A. Noronha).

The China Competition was won by No. 3 Platoon, Home Guard (Same participants as in the Cheylesmore Competition plus Lt. E. C. Fletcher, MBE, ED, Lance Corporal Chan Kin, and Auxiliary N. A. Belanovsky). Runner-up was No. 3 Platoon, Hongkong Regiment (Sgt. R. A. Perez, Lance Corporal R. A. Luz, M. E. Garcia, A. J. Garcia, Privates C. A. Viera, A. H. Brito, A. J. Mauricio, and E. J. Noronha).

**English Women Win Hockey International**

London, Mar. 13.  
Before a record crowd of 45,000 for a hockey match, Scotland's women today beat England's women at the famous Wembley Stadium turf 5-1.

Always the better finishers, England dominated the play with Vera Chapman, the right winger, outstanding and scoring three of the goals.

This produced a day's double for England's women who won a Lacrosse match against Scotland in Glasgow 9-3. Reuter.

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SOUTH CHINA 2, KMB 1

# THE BUSMEN WILL LONG WONDER WHY THEY LOST THIS GAME

In football it's goals that count. The Busmen will long wonder why they had so much of this game and lost. Twenty-one thousand spectators who packed themselves into the Caroline Hill Stadium on Saturday afternoon can no doubt give them the answer. You cannot ignore goal-scoring chances at one end, or leave them at the other, when you are up against South China.

This match was of paramount importance to both teams and it was therefore regrettable that a top-star was missing from each side. Tong Sheung was unavailable for South China, and Chan Kar-sau was an absentee from the KMB line-up.

There can be no doubt that the Busmen suffered more from the resultant changes as Fung Kwan-sing, who came in for Chan Kar-sau, never served the team as Chan usually does, and he was a very fortunate player that his robust tactics were not more severely punished by the referee.

South China were first to overcome the inevitable attack of big-match nerves and their early play was better and more profitable than that of KMB who had the brothers Sze Yui and Sze Yui paired again on the right wing. It was the Busmen, however, who might have opened the scoring when an early header from Tam Woon-cheung struck the post.

Play continued at a fast pace and kept the big crowd on edge until the 16th minute when Chu Wing-wah profited by a bad defensive error to send an accurate ball across to his twin, Mok Chun-wah, who acknowledged the gesture by leaving Wal Fat-kim helpless with a grand effort.

The Champions very nearly made it two a few minutes before the interval when a brilliant Yui Cheuk-yin shot as just as brilliantly sent round the post by Wal Fat-kim.

Within 10 minutes of the restart the Busmen were back on equal terms as the result of a flying header by Sze Yui, and the game immediately resumed as both sides struggled for the vital goal on which might well have hung a Championship title.

## TWO PRICELESS POINTS

South China got the goal and with it two priceless points. Once again it was the Chu-Mok cross-field combination that made it possible. Chu avoided a wild reckless tackle from Fung Kwan-sing and again sent the ball flying across to Mok Chun-wah whose shot came back off the post to Lee Yui-tak.

The inside-right wasted no time in putting the ball into the net and the goal stood in spite of KMB protests about Kwok Ying-lok who was actual-

ly in the back of the net when Lee shot.

The rival centre-halves dominated this match. Ng Kee-cheung and Ko Po-keung can shake hands on this showing. They were both immense. There was really very little between the teams and the winners owe a lot to their two brilliant young wingers and to the Yui Cheuk-yin Soong Ling-sing combination which successfully played Sze Yui Man out of the game.

The struggle was always interesting and successful and it would be enlightening to know what the new Colony coach, Tom Sneddon, thought about general environment and the standard of play.

## THE TEAMS

KMB: Wal Fat-kim; Hung Hing-yuk; Lee Chun-fai; Tang Sun; Ng Kee-cheung; Fung Kwan-sing; Sze Yui; Sze Yui; Tan, Tung; Yee-Kit; Lee Tai-fai; Tam Woon-cheung.

South China: Pui Kin-yin; Lok Tak-hai; Lau Yee; Lau Ching-ping; Ko Po-keung; Soong Ling-sing; Chu Wing-wah; Lee Yui-tak; Kwok Ying-lok; Yui Cheuk-yin; Mok Chun-wah.

## CLUB 1, ARMY 2

This game which was played at the Stadium on Saturday should have settled two points for the home side. For three quarters of the match they were faced by a depleted Army team that, due to an early injury to goalkeeper Granger, had Wells in goal, left-half Higgins at left back, inside left Doyle at left-half and a four-man front rank.

The Club had enough opportunities to win this encounter on first-half chances alone, and the fact that they scored their only goal from a penalty kick was due partly to the stubborn defence put up by the soldiers, but much more to the goal-keeping spirit that prevailed in their own attack.

Granger's injury, which came as the result of an accidental clash with McGregor in the 15th minute of the game, upset the rhythm of the Army team, but their re-arranged defence aided by the reluctance of Granger to go into the tackle for the ball, held out until the closing minute of the first half when Mullen was pulled down in the penalty area and Forrow slashed a wicked drive into the net wide of Wells' right hand.

The Army resumed without goalkeeper Granger who had had a short spell in the forward line just before the interval, but after Lunnion had scored the equaliser in the 13th minute when Campbell seemed late in getting down to a fast cross ball.

Granger resumed on the left wing with a sort of roving commission.

At this stage Club put in strenuous efforts to turn the game in their favour and MacDonald and Armstrong went right up into the attack. This scheme partly misfired for in several breakaway moves the Army still looked capable of getting a goal, and after Doyle had struck the cross bar the Soldiers put in a strong attack down the right flank.

When the ball landed in the goalmouth the Club defenders were caught out of position and Campbell, who had apparently suffered a recurrence of an old injury, could only push it out to Granger, now in the centre-forward position. The blonde goalie, reversing his usual role, made no mistake about driving it into the back of the net.

## ALL-OUT DRIVE

With 10 minutes left for play the Club made an all-out drive to get the equaliser but once again the goal came at the other end where Bennett sent a high header over Campbell's arm into the net, only to have it, very correctly, disallowed for off-side by Referee Wilcox.

In the Club side Tarpey was the better back while MacDonald and Forrow put in a grand afternoon's defensive work in the half-back line. It was forward that Club had their main worries. Pat Gardner, while fit enough, is understandably reluctant to go into the heavy tackle either with or for the ball and in consequence several golden chances went begging.

Falconer had the right idea. He never missed a chance to have a shot at goal and it would have paid the others to have followed his lead.

MacGregor had a quiet return to Colony football and showed that once he has had an opportunity to play himself into form he will be a valuable asset to the side.

It was unfortunate that he was involved in the early accident to Granger for, although he was blameless, the incident may well have upset his confidence.

Mullen started off well and the holding ground suited his stylish play, but later he lost his sparkle and his pace and Paton suffered in consequence.

For the Soldiers it was a goalkeeper's day out. Wells did excellently between the sticks and of course Granger made his unusual mark with the winning goal. The team never really struck form and a touch of desperation tinged their play during the second half.

Buckley, Frazer, Doyle and Bennett were the men who contributed most to the victory, although little Thomas and Lunnion played with more devil in the second half.

## THE TEAMS

Club: Campbell, Armstrong, Tarpey, MacDonald, Forrow, Planck, Paton, Mullen, McGregor, Falconer, Gardner. Army: Granger, Buckley, Wells, Crowhurst, Frazer, Higgins, Lunnion, Reeves, Bennett, Doyle, Thomas.

## Brazil Beat Chile 1-0

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 14. Brazil retained their unbeaten record in the World Soccer Cup qualifying competition when they beat Chile 1-0 here today.

Brazil have now beaten Chile twice and Paraguay once - Paraguay's only defeat. They meet Paraguay here on March 21 in the final match of Group 12.

Brazil attacked strongly from the start and in the 25th minute Baltazar scored in a goalmouth melee which followed a spectacular save by Chile's goalkeeper, Livingston.

Chile improved and threatened danger many times - in the closing stages of the match, but they were unable to beat the Brazilian defence.

A crowd of 125,000 watched the game, played at the Maracana Stadium.

## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## SATURDAY'S RUGGER

# Only One Surprise Result In Seven-a-Sides

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon the first round and most of the second round of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side competition was played off at Causeway Bay. The one surprise of the afternoon was the Boom Defence Depot's defeat of the REME Optimists by 11 points to nil.

This team started off an unknown quantity—and not much was expected of them as they explained before the game that they had no reserve, the whole of the Defence Depot European staff being in the seven.

The best teams on show were RAF Kai Tak "A", who played a grand game with Davidson scoring, the Old Crocks who neither looked very old or crooked, and the 27th Lt Bty. RA who played the type of game which is usually seen in normal matches.

Wayfoong was rather disappointing and had it not been for Craig and Petrie, who practically carried the rest of the team, they would have lost. Welch "B" looked a much more satisfactory team and seemed to have a better idea of the game than their seniors in the "A" team.

## THE GAMES

Welch "A" 3, RAF (HK) "A" 0

In this game there was no scoring until the last minute when the Welch three went away from a 20-yard scrum and Lewis scored. The RAF were unlucky to miss a penalty in the first half.

REME "Casuals" 11, RAF (HK) "B" 0

REME pressed from the start and after a couple of minutes Bain scored. Then before half time REME kicked well ahead, and Green followed up fast to gather and score under the posts. The kick was converted. In the second half England broke through from a five-yard scrum and scored. The kick was missed.

RAF (Kai Tak) "B" 8, HMS CRANE 0

The Airmen did all the pressing and Hurst broke through and ran for three-quarters of the length of the field to score under the posts. Easily converted. In the second half Hurst missed a long penalty kick, and although Crane pressed they could not get through, and Brit settled the matter when he kicked ahead and scored under the posts. The kick was missed.

RASC "A" 3, Police "B" 0

A good first half, but the second half contained too much touch kicking, and extra time had to be played. The game became rather dreary and when the RASC scored in the ninth minute of extra time, a sigh of relief went up all around.

H.K. Signals Regt. 8, 27 HAA, RA 3

This was a really good game in comparison with the previous one. In the first minute the Signals scored when Kirbelsan took the ball from a loose maul and scored. Bell converted. The 27th attacked in turn and got to the Signals line but a penalty allowed the Signals to clear.

The 27th pressed in the second half, and got a scrum on the Signals five-yard line which they won, but Kirbelsan intercepted a pass and ran the whole length of the field to score under the posts. The conversion was missed.

In the closing minute the 27th got a penalty and put the ball between the posts.

RAF (Kai Tak) "A" 18, Tamar Tigers 0

Although the RAF team was missing both Eden and Mildon due to injuries, they never looked like losing and they got to the Signals line but a penalty allowed the Signals to clear.

Davidson opened the scoring in the first minute with a fine run to score under the posts, then converted, but the ball went over the RAF line, and Taylor touched down. From their own 25, the RAF scored again with a lovely run, and Davidson this time missed the kick.

The second half opened with a lovely conversion by Davidson and Parkin, who scored two more five-yard scrums and each time, Collins went over from the line. Davidson's kick was missed, but the RAF broke through, and a late kick, missed by Davidson, was the only goal of the second half.

Davidson scored this time from a lovely pass from Taylor. Davidson converted.

14th Field 11, REME "Hornets" 3

RASC "B" called off their match with the Hornets, but the 14th Field, whose application to play was lost, had turned up with all their players and full kit, and REME agreed to take them on instead.

The 14th had a good player in Gilhooly who broke through and scored under the posts early on with a fine run, but failed to convert his try.

In the second half the 14th's three went away nicely and the ball went to Gilhooly who scored and converted. Then the Hornets got a penalty well out on the 35-yard line and the kick was successful.

From a scrum on the REME 25 Gilhooly again scored well out. The kick was not taken.

H.K. Police "A" 3, 7th Royal Tank Regt. 0

The Police nearly scored from a quick penalty and then their three attacked, but poor passing spoiled this move. Finally the Police three got well past and Bryan scored in the corner. The conversion was missed.

Tanks got a penalty well out but missed and although they did most of the pressing in the second half they could not score.

27th Lt. Bty. RA 20, STANLEY GARRISON 0

This 27th team just walked this, and will think so the RAF (Kai Tak) "A" in the semi-finals. First Michie nearly scored, but a Garrison player touched down. A minute later and Michie did score from a 25 scrum. Wright converted.

Wright, in fact, took all the kicks and made a fine job of them all distance seemingly making no difference to him.

Next Parkinson outpaced the defence and scored under the posts. Wright converted. Again Parkinson went off on a long run and scored well out. Wright converted.

In the second half Stanley just missed a penalty on the 27th 25. In the last minute Hill scored well out. Wright converted.

HMS Newcastle 6, 7th Royal Tanks "B" 0

Newcastle did all the pressing in the first half and in the fourth minute scored well out, but the kick was missed. In the fifth minute of the second half Newcastle scored again when the ball was kicked ahead and a forward touched down. The try was converted.

Welch "B" 11, HQLE 0

Another good team in this Welch side and they might just make the semi-finals. In the first minute a lovely three move saw them score well out, but the conversion was missed. Three more tries in the first half they seemed to have a certain score but had passing ruined their chances.

However, in the second half they tried using only two men in the lineouts, thus giving them an extra three, and this move was very successful as with its help they scored two more tries, one of which was converted.

Boom Defence Depot 11, REME "Optimists" 0

REME naturally looked optimistic when they saw the general age of their opponents, but they got a terrific shock. The Depot just failed to score in the opening minute. But there was a scrum in front of the posts and Totpe went over, then converted his own try.

In the second half there were two more five-yard scrums and each time, Collins went over from the line. Davidson's kick was missed, but the RAF broke through, and a late kick, missed by Davidson, was the only goal of the second half.

# WALTON JUBILEE

By HENRY LONGHURST

With the Royal and Ancient due shortly to celebrate 200 years of golf at St Andrews, it seems hard to believe that the wave of enthusiasm which brought the game surging over England took place only 50 or 60 years ago and that some of the greatest of the so-called London clubs have yet to reach their half-century.

Last week, for instance, the members of Walton Heath dined to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the day when Herbert Fowler rode out on to the heath above Walton-on-the-Hill, his horse obscured by the bracken and firs as golfers so often are today, and designed what to many is the best, and to me is the best but one, inland-cum-seaside course in England.

He sent for James Brind, who set to work with a shovel and stayed for 47 years, ending his days there revered and respected as no man of his profession had been before. Now, fittingly enough, his son Harry is captain of the club in its jubilee year.

ADVANCING YEARS

The standard reminder of advancing years is the fact that policemen begin to look like boys. Another, for me, came on Crewe Station when a Scotsman revealed that he had described me to a porter as a "stoutish middle-aged fellow in a grey suit." Yet another is Walton Heath.

At Walton the world divides itself into pre- and post-Alterations. You date either from before "The Alterations"—I have never heard them otherwise described—or from after them. If, like myself, you are a pre-Alterationist, you tend to think that the world stopped in about 1936.

Herbert Fowler, having half of Surrey to play about in, designed his course roughly on the lines of the Old course at St Andrews—eight holes out, a loop, and the remainder "in." You thrust your way up the heath, head bowed against the wind, for what seemed several miles, and then turned for home. It may not have been subtle but, my word, it was good!

With "improvements" in the ball, some of the holes became what is known as bad lengths—neither one thing nor the other—and eventually the alterations took place, adding undoubted variety and blending the Old and New courses. But some of us, after nearly 20 years, are still not quite sure whether we are on the Old course playing the new fifth which used to be the old 11th or the New—or what.

Walton remains, however, both for golf and for atmosphere, one of the great clubs. More than golfing history has been made there. With Lloyd George living the length of a brassie shot from the first hole and Lord Riddell, the club's principal founder, ever active in the background, it used to be facetiously said of the first war that it was conducted from the 19th hole at Walton.

As to the golf, it is elemental—a couple of wooden clubs, the three or four irons, a niblick

and a putter, and the rest carried round for show. The crisp, close-cropped, turf, fast and rather sleek greens, generally a towering wind, and some of the finest rough in the world.

"If this is a golf course, I am crazy," said a noted American professional at first sight. He probably was.

This rough used greatly to bother the late Valerius Viscount Castlerosse when he lived nearby. One day, having instructed his caddy to "pick it up" from almost every tee, including the 18th, he decided to have one more shot over the cross bunker.

"EICK THAT UP!" The caddy tee-ed a ball and placed a club in his lordship's hand. Castlerosse hit it at right angles into the heather, tossed the club disdainfully to the ground, and uttered the memorable words: "Pick that up. Have the clubs destroyed. And leave the course."

Not the least item in the Walton Heath atmosphere is the caddies. Castlerosse, again, used to tell of the time when an "orrible murder was committed nearby and everyone knew it to have been done by a man who habitually caddied alongside the Old course. The caddies would emit shrill, two-fingered whistles to attract his attention and then go through the most appalling mime of a hangman and his rope.

On another occasion the late "Wash" Carr, whose brother Alsom played for Cambridge and is now chairman of Walton, finding his ball in a divot mark in mid-fairway, remarked to his caddy that it would have been a nice one to get in the Medal.

"You'd never 'ave 'ad it in the Medal," said the man darkly.

## MOREA BEATS DROBNY

Calra, Mar. 14. Enrique Morea of the Argentine today wrested the Egyptian lawn tennis singles title from Jaroslav Drobny (Egypt), who had held it for four years. Scores were 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4. Yesterday Morea and Drobny beat Bucke Fatty and G. Shea—a couple of wooden clubs, the three or four irons, a niblick

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Liverpool, Mar. 15. Liverpool shipowners warned today that British shipping would in future have to face increased foreign competition already up to pre-war strength.

The 1953 annual report of the Liverpool Steamship Owners Association said in 1953 Germany and Japan were virtually non-existent as competitors.

"They are now returning in force and have to be regarded as an increasing competitive factor," the report said. British shipping would not easily maintain its present share of world trade against the renewed overseas competition.

## BIG GROWTH

"British shipping is being faced by new or increased competition from flags which in pre-war were of little competitive account, and in particular from south and central American countries seized with the urge to establish their own mercantile marines," the report warned.

Argentina, Liberia and Panama were among those nations which made the largest individual developments in foreign fleets since 1936. There has also been large increases in tonnage by Brazil (97 per cent), Denmark (83 per cent), Norway (74 per cent) and Sweden (148 per cent).

Germany's fleet last year was at least half its pre-war strength, but Japan was already above two-thirds of its strength before the war.—Reuter.

## Russia's Citizens Go To The Polls

Moscow, Mar. 14.

Citizens throughout the U.S.S.R. went to the polls today to elect 1,331 members of the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament, to four-year terms.

The election mechanics in Moscow looked different in many ways from those held in Western Europe or the United States. But there was a holiday atmosphere, heightened by perfect sunny, almost spring weather.

Muscovites will elect 19 deputies to the two Houses of Parliament—the Soviet of the Union and the Soviet of Nationalities. Throughout the 10 republics, other Russians are doing the same.

Among the Moscow candidates were Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, Communist Party First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev and Defence Minister Nikolai Bulganin.

The easy informality of the officials and registrars and the patient expression on their faces as they waited for voters, at polling places in the city gave a calm atmosphere to the scene.

The major and overwhelming difference between elections here and in the West is that there is only a single name on each ballot. But this did not seem to concern the hundreds of voters. And a strong get-out-the-vote campaign by the party press and agitators did not seem to leave the voters disgruntled.

The polling place in the Ministry of Ocean Going and River Transport Building was a long room decorated with red banners stretching from the ceiling to the floor. Along one side sat a dozen election clerks or registrars. They had lists of registered voters before them—each with names beginning with a few letters of the alphabet. The voters presented grey passports and clerks, in blue Ministry uniforms, checked them. Identified, the voter was given two paper ballots about six by nine inches in size. One was blue for Bulganin, the candidate in the district for the Soviet of Nationalities. The other was white for Alla Tarasova, a famous actress, the candidate for the Soviet of the Union.

"Leave on the ballot the name of the candidate for whom you are voting and cross out the rest," the instructions read. It was explained that voters have the right to cross out the one candidate listed and write in another, if they so desire. Many of the voters went into the booths and folded up their ballots. They emerged after a minute or two and dropped the slips into one of two padlocked, polished wooden boxes. The ballot boxes stood near a wall on which were painted 10-foot high pictures of the heads of V.I. Lenin and Josef Stalin.

The polls opened at 6 a.m. Moscow time on Saturday and stayed open until midnight. However, at many of the precinct polling places voting was completed by noon. The counting of the votes began immediately the polls closed. All the election workers gathered around, each taking 100 votes or so, and the ballots were counted three times. Only percentages of votes cast for winning candidates are announced as a rule.—United Press.

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## Shipping Line Formed In Ceylon

Colombo, Mar. 14.

A group of Ceylonese businessmen have taken the first step towards the building of a merchant marine fleet by forming an independent Ceylon shipping line with Ceylonese capital and Norwegian ships.

The new company—the Ceylon Shipping Lines Ltd.—was incorporated in comparative secrecy and is known to be already handling a 200-ton Burma rice contract for the Ministry of Food.

More than 19,000 tons of rice has already been transported in one of the company's three ships—the 10,000-ton m.v. Alpha Zambesi. Another vessel, the m.v. Beta, is loading general cargo, including sugar, in Colombo for Burma. The third ship, the m.v. Gamma (5,000 tons), is already on the Colombo-Rangoon run.

It is understood the company is backed by shipping interests in Norway which has the third largest merchant shipping fleet in the world. One of the Norwegian directors of the Ceylon Shipping Lines, Torrey Mowbray, has just arrived in Ceylon in connection with the establishment of the company.

He said the reason behind his departure from the prospects for Ceylon, operating a merchant fleet, was very simple and that his country was willing to back any move made in the direction of shipping in the Indian Ocean.

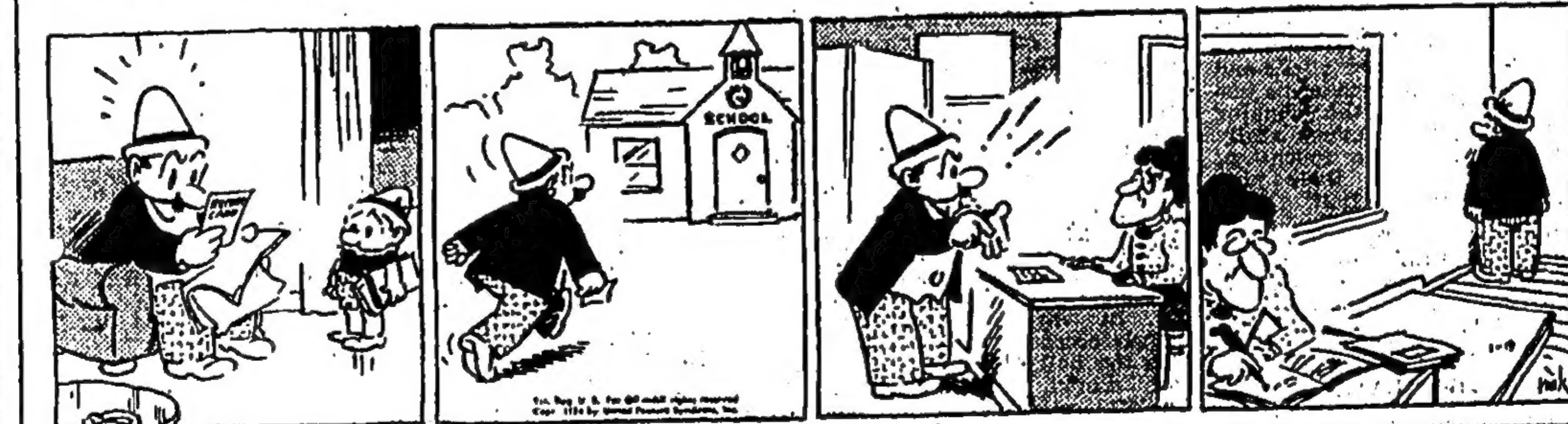
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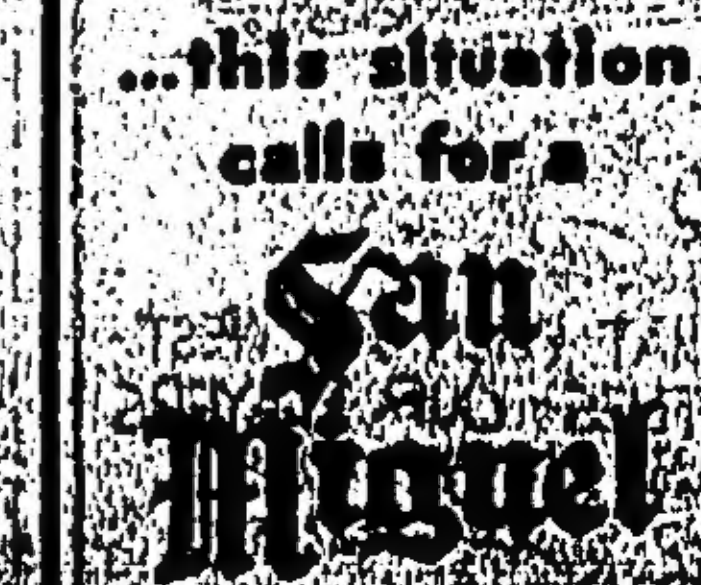
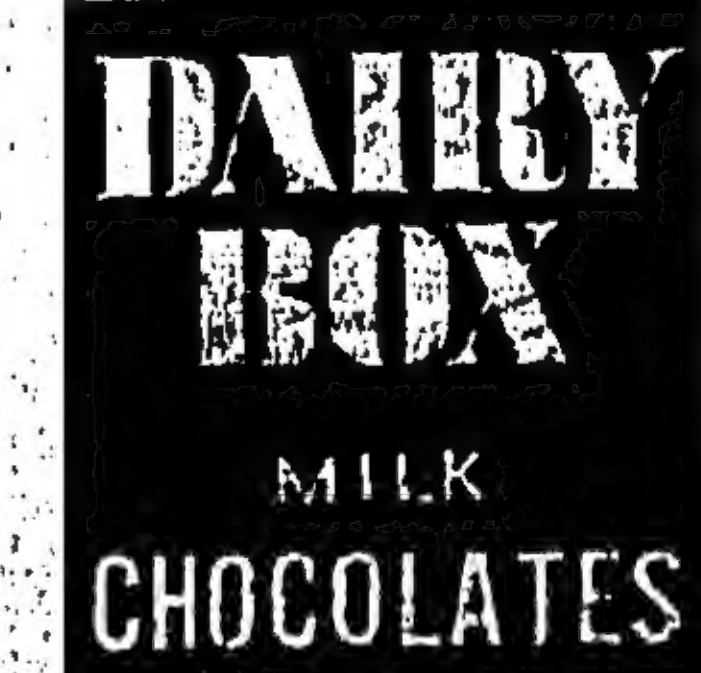
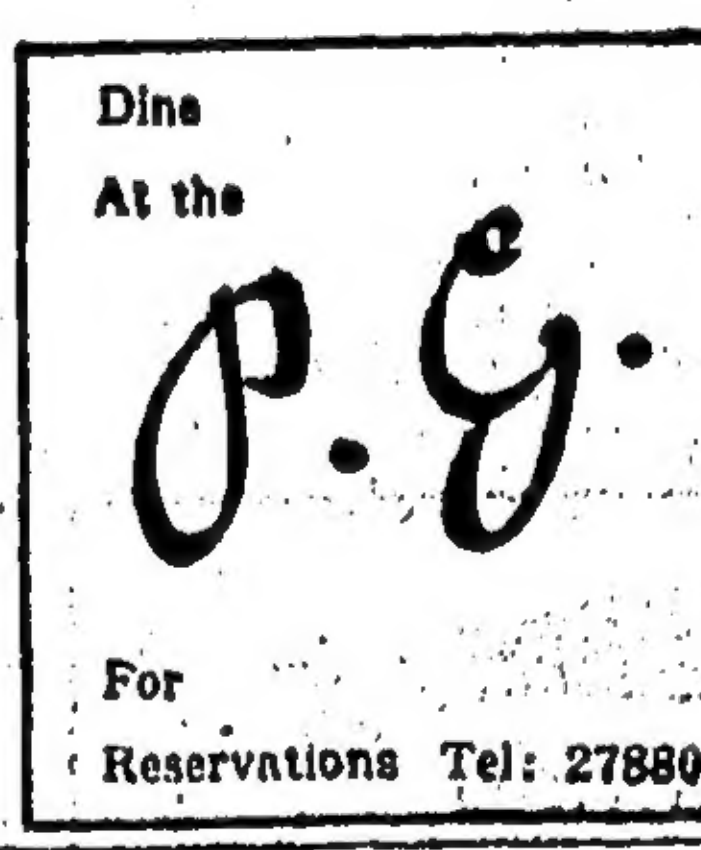
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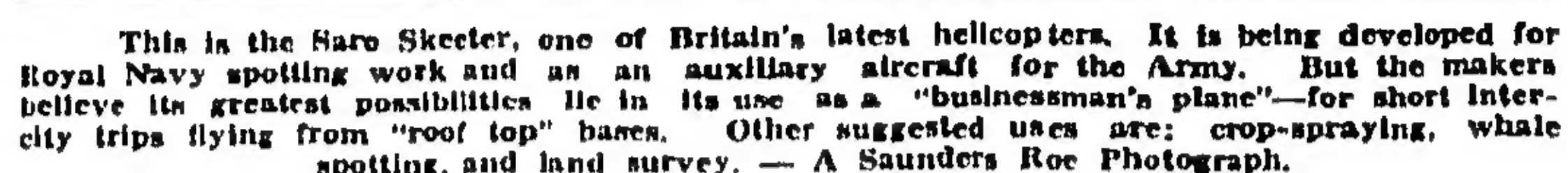
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Syd, The Traveller

A POLICEMAN stood on the platform at Piccadilly Circus station as a train hurried in from Stanmore. The guard pressed the button that opened the doors to the rush-hour crowds.

As the crowds got their shoulders down and shoved like a well-trained rugby pack, the guard came along to the policeman. He pointed to a man who was sitting in the third coach of the train from the hill.

"That's him," said the guard. "Okay," the policeman said. Somehow he extricated his man, the crowd falling back on all sides in awe, wondering what the drama was they were witnessing, who had applied for an extradition order and why.

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THE policeman took Syd to a quiet corner and said: "I understand you've travelled from Stanmore without a ticket?"

"Got it somewhere," said Syd, a balding man, with a bulbous nose and a ponderously over-hanging underlip. "Dr. Johnson thought it just before I got into that train at Holloway Road."

"That train's never been near Holloway Road. Different line," the policeman said. Syd adjusted his story. Within the next hour or two he made many more adjustments.

#### ALL MY MAIL

"WHAT'S your name and address?" the officer asked.

"Haven't got one," said Syd. "I have all my mail sent to the post office in the Strand, if you want to know," he added, drawing his seedy overcoat about him with some dignity.

That dignity, and the coat, still clothed him when, at the dock at Bow Street, he pleaded guilty next morning to travelling without paying the fare, a matter of 1s. 6d., from Stanmore to Piccadilly Circus.

"When he was charged, sir," said the railway policeman to Sir Laurence Dunne, the chief magistrate, "he said, 'Nobody ever told me how much they wanted.'"

"But listen, sir," Syd broke in. "I was thinking in terms of very considerable sums of money, when they told me I'd no ticket from Stanmore, though I'd only travelled from the Strand to Victoria."

#### A GOODLY FARE

"HOW much had he on him?" the Chief Magistrate asked.

"Two and tenpence-halfpenny," said the policeman.

"I was expecting, sir, they would demand a goodly fare," Syd put in.

As, apart from sketching a few more imaginary journeys remote from the Stanmore-Piccadilly line, Syd had no defence, the chance was found. "Anything known?" the Chief Magistrate asked.

"Three previous, sir," said the officer in charge of the case. "He was discharged conditionally for larceny in 1952, discharged conditionally for unlawful possession in 1953, and last month he was discharged conditionally for wandering abroad and lodging in the open air."

#### THERE'S THE REASON

"EXACTLY, sir, exactly," Syd cried in triumph, as though the officer had made his point for him very neatly indeed. "What did I tell you, sir? Wandering abroad, wasn't it? That's the reason for my having no abode. One cannot wander abroad and have an abode, sir."

"There are places for people like you," Sir Laurence said.

"I agree, sir, agree entirely," Syd said handsomely.

"Pay 40s. or go to prison for one month," said the Chief Magistrate.

"Oh," said Syd, not pleased at the turn things had taken, realising he was 37s. 1/2d. short of the fine demanded. "Small pension due later in the week, sir," he said. "Goodly sum, 40s., sir."

"If you pay the money you need not go to prison," Sir Laurence said with finality, and Syd was led out to think over ways and means of raising the somewhat considerable sum of money.

## Threat By East Berlin Communists

Berlin, Mar. 14. The East German Communists today renewed their call for the overthrow of the West Berlin city government, indicating that they might attempt to launch a series of riots and demonstrations in Western sectors in defiance of the Western police.

The new threat was voiced by Alfred Neumann, East Berlin Communist Party leader, who two days ago demanded that workers rally in West Berlin to wage mass actions "outside Parliament" against "growing inflation, rising prices and West German rearmament."

He said today that Western newspaper reports that he made threats against the West were "ridiculous," but added: "Our chief task is to overthrow the Schreiber City Government (the Lord Mayor is Walter Schreiber) through unity of action of the working class and the coupling of the political fight with the economic struggle."

Neumann made the statement today at a Congress of the Communist Party's East Berlin wing in a speech reported by the East German news service ADN.

The Communists have frequently called on West Berlin workers to join them in "mass fights" against the West but their overtures were ignored and Communist demonstrations in West Berlin exploited by the Communist press as "shows of strength of the working class" in most cases fizzled out as soon as Western police appeared.

Nevertheless, the Communist threats were regarded as a sign that the Communists are planning a new campaign of propaganda and demonstrations in West Berlin, United Press.

## SWAM INTO JAWS OF CROCODILE

Indola, Mar. 15. An African named Chola, who ran away from a police picket that was making a routine check, jumped into a creek and swam straight into the jaws of a waiting crocodile.

He is in the Indola hospital with severely lacerated arms. Chola was approaching a bridge over the Itawa Dambo when he saw the police picket, which was checking Africans on the road in an attempt to round up suspects in a recent burglary case. He left his bicycle and, diving into the Dambo, began swimming furiously away from the bridge.

By the light of three torches, the horrified watchers saw the fugitive swimming straight toward the jaws of an approaching crocodile, but their shouts of warning only made the man swim faster away from them.

As the crocodile's jaws closed on his arm, he attacked it with a pen-knife in his other hand. Police threw a torch on the reptile, threw stones at it and shouted. They were unable to fire for fear of hitting Chola.

The crocodile released him and he managed to reach the shallows, where he was helped ashore.

The Dambo is a favourite fishing and picknicking spot and young Africans regularly swim in it. This is the first instance of anyone being attacked.

Hunters are now patrolling the Dambo in the hope of shooting the crocodile, France-Press.

## Atomic Control: New Proposals

Washington, Mar. 14. Informed circles in Washington said today that the United States government had drawn up a new series of proposals on the use of atomic energy to be presented to the Soviet Union.

The proposals will follow the general plan of atomic co-operation proposed last December by President Eisenhower, it was reliably learned.

The United States government will seek the agreement of the governments of France and Great Britain before presenting the proposals to the Soviet Union, France-Press.



Above (left) is Robert Cowell, former war-time fighter pilot, who has since changed into a female. The picture was taken on Cowell's wedding day. There are two children by the marriage, (see story below).—London Express.

## Son's Sex Change Is Complete Says Father

London, Mar. 14. The father of sex-changed Roberta Cowell said tonight that his daughter "is now completely female."

Sir Ernest Cowell denied a newspaper report that Roberta, who was once Robert Cowell, RAF fighter pilot and racing motorist, was not a woman "in the full sense."

"The Sunday Pictorial" declared in a front-page story: "His birth certificate is changed to Roberta Elizabeth Cowell, and he wears women's clothes, but the experts think he is still not a complete female."

The newspaper quoted a doctor as saying: "I think the complete change of man into woman or woman into man is an impossibility. Such a thing has never been known to happen."

Tonight Sir Ernest Cowell declared in a statement from his home at Croydon, Surrey: "I had a son Robert who is now Roberta, my daughter. Her mother and I had noticed her personality changing over the past few years. Now her skin is white, her hands delicate and her bust has fully developed."

"I can say not only as her father but as a doctor that she is recognisable in every way as a woman and her mother and I are both satisfied that she is now completely female."

"It is obvious of course that the complete change must still be a gradual one. She cannot alter overnight from being a tough, young man into a 'pretty girl' at the age of 34, but her mental outlook is essentially feminine."

"Also as a doctor I have known many women much less developed than Roberta."

"We were very shocked at the doubts thrown by some of the Sunday newspapers on the genuineness of our daughter's case,"—Reuter.

## Clemency For Wafidists

Cairo, Mar. 14. New clemency measures towards imprisoned Wafidists and members of the Muslim Brotherhood have been decided upon by the Egyptian Government, according to an official source, which disclosed here tonight that two leading Wafidists would be set free shortly.

They are Berag el Din, former Party Secretary, and Ibrahim Serag, former Wafidist Cabinet Minister. The same source said all imprisoned members of the Muslim Brotherhood would be released from jail shortly with the exception of their supreme head, Hassan el Hodeibi, and his assistant, Abdel Kader Owda, France-Press.

## Attempt Made On His Life, Alleges Dr Wu

Dr K. C. Wu, former Governor of Formosa, said today a "dastardly attempt" was made on his life after he left the Formosan Government and that President Chiang Kai-shek's regime is now holding his son as a "hostage."

At the same time, Dr Wu charged that President Chiang is trying to mould an undemocratic "dynasty" on the island.

The ex-Governor said the attempt on his life was made after he left the Formosan Government in 1953, but declined to give details because they "might do harm" to persons still on the island.

He charged that his son, Hsiu-hwang, is being held as a hostage because of Dr Wu's opposition to the Formosan regime.

Dr Wu called a news conference to charge that the Generalissimo's government has suppressed publication of six proposals he made to reverse the "anti-democratic trend" on the island.

"I don't want to wreck the Formosan regime," he said, "but it must reform."

He said the President's son, Chiang Ching-kuo, has been placed in charge of secret police, the Youth Corps, the Army and the Army's political department. He said this indicated that President Chiang has a "dynasty" in mind.

#### "STRONG WARNING"

He said there must be "a strong warning to the powers-that-be on Formosa."

There is no good for them to indulge in smear tactics, fake evidence, tactics mock trial tactics, such as the Communists use, in their persecution of me," Dr Wu said.

He referred to recent charges from Formosa of mishandling of funds while Dr Wu was in the government and of suggestions that he is now living in luxury in this country.

Dr Wu said three-fourths of the money needed to run the Formosan government comes from the US, and that Chiang "thinks he is now indispensable to the United States."

He said he has made repeated requests for a passport for his son, including one to Chiang. "If further obstacles are placed in the way I will know in my own mind what kind of a human being Chiang Kai-shek is," he said.—United Press.

## Former Far East Shipping Owner A Plane Crash Victim

Mr Eric A. Moller, founder of Moller, Limited, the well-known shipping, salvage and towage company, was among those killed in the BOAC Concorde crash on Saturday at Singapore.

The late Mr Moller, who was 77 years old, retired many years ago, leaving his sons to conduct the company.

Mr Moller is survived by his wife, two married daughters, Mrs Hamilton, who lives in Singapore, and Mrs. Fennell, who is at present in South Africa, and four sons, Messrs E.B., R.B., L.B. and C.B. Moller.

## Appeal Allowed

An appeal arising out of an order by Mr Justice Reece in Chambers giving leave to defend unconditionally, brought by plaintiffs in a dispute concerning a dishonoured cheque was allowed by the Full Court, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi (instructed by Mr A. S. K. Lau), who represented the plaintiffs, was also granted an application for leave to rely on further affidavits evidence.

Plaintiffs (appellants) were the Maxim Co. Importers and exporters of 807 Bank of East Asia Building, who in the original action claimed that a cheque for \$20,297.30 payable to them was dishonoured.

Defendant is Cheng Pui-wah of 2 Dover Crescent, who is represented by Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr J. T. Prior.

Mr Bernacchi argued that the appeal was an interlocutory matter and not a final one so that it came within the provision which said that special leave was not necessary to file the additional affidavit, but if the Court held it was necessary he would then ask the Court to grant him leave.

#### IN AS GOOD POSITION

There was no reason why the Court should not permit the additional affidavit in the present case, continued Mr Bernacchi. It was in just as good a position as the Judge who made the original decision, for it was a matter dependent solely on affidavits and was not a case of the Court below having the advantage of hearing and seeing witnesses who were not available to the Appeal Court.

Mr Bernacchi submitted that Mr Justice Reece's order was an interlocutory one and an appeal on an interlocutory order was in itself an interlocutory application.

Mr Winter contended that it could not be construed for one moment as an interlocutory application. It was an order made by a Judge which could be construed as a final judgment. Even assuming it were an interlocutory application, it was entirely fresh evidence which the Court should not admit at this stage.

The Full Court held that the order made by Mr Justice Reece was an interlocutory order and that an interlocutory application, meant any appeal from an interlocutory order. Therefore they felt that the application for leave to rely on further evidence must be granted.

## To Give Talk Aboard Liner

Professor Louis Renou, Director of Indian Studies at the Sorbonne, accompanied by his wife and three children, was among the passengers who arrived here in La Marseillaise this morning on route to Japan where he will take up his new appointment as Director of the Maison Franco-Japanese in Tokyo.

Prof. Renou, a member of the Academy of Inscription of the Institut de France, has written more than 30 scholarly works on ancient Indian philosophy, philology and other allied subjects. He had spent several years in India and was in the United States last year where he delivered lectures at Yale University on Sanskrit.

Prof. Renou, at the request of the Alliance France, will deliver a lecture in French on "The Influence of India on Modern French Literature" at 6 p.m. tomorrow aboard La Marseillaise before he sails.

## Murder Charge

A 29-year-old farmer of Lantau Island named Tang Kau, appeared before Mr Lawrence Leong at Kowloon Court this morning charged with the murder of Wong On-tai at Tung Chung, Lantau Island, on March 9.

The accused was remanded for two days in Police custody after the charge had been read out and explained to him.

## Few Voting In Kowloon

The Presiding Officer of the coming Urban Council election, Mr R. A. Bates said this morning that he has received only 340 registrations of intention to vote in Kowloon. Of these, only 125 were recorded on the special official paid postcards provided by Government.

The register for voting in Kowloon will close at 5 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) and after that time any person registered under Part I, Part II or Part III who has not signified his or her intention to vote in Kowloon will be entitled to vote in Hongkong only.

Today is therefore the last day on which to obtain a postcard and post it if the vote is to be accepted at the Kowloon Polling Station.

## Troops On Way To Korea

A group of 142 Dutch replacement troops arrived here, in the French liner La Marseillaise from Marseilles this morning en route to Korea to join the Netherlands battalion.

The group, under the command of Captain R. Holman of Nymegen, included a number of troops who had previously served in Korea. They will continue their trip to Korea in La Marseillaise tomorrow.

The troops were met on arrival by Mr C. D. Barikman, Netherlands Vice-Consul here.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest times for registered mail, which are generally earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the G.P.O. Below particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 15

By Air:  
Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.  
By Surface:  
Indonesia, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 11 a.m.  
Indo-China, France, 4 p.m.  
By Surface:  
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.  
Japan, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Korea, 2 p.m.  
Philippines, 3 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## Radio Hongkong

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6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, Children's Hour presented by Betty Annabelle (Studio); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio; 6.55, Prepared by S.K. Lee assisted by Don Gray and Lee Wai-lan (Recorded); 6.45, "Box 200" Bern Olcott (Time Signal); 6.50, Weather Report; 7.00, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10, Election Talk by Candidate for the Urban Council, Dr R.H.S. Lee (Recorded); 7.15, Composer Cavalcade (Richard Rodgers); 7.20, "Viewpoint" (Recorded); 7.25, Music programme devoted to literature, drama and the cinema, edited and introduced by Donald Brookes; 7.30, Review by Duncan Taylor: "The Autobiography of Sir Frank Whitely" reviewed by Michael Griffiths; "The Art of Primitive Sculpture" by J.T. Hooper and C.A. Burdard; 7.35, Diana Taylor: "John O'Sullivan" reads "An Irish Tale" by Alice Crowley; 8.00, "Dance and Song" (Recorded); 8.10, "Personalities of the Week" (Recorded); 8.15, "Time Signal" (Recorded); 8.20, "Record Review" presented by Chris Hindson (Studio); 8.25, "Take it from here with Jay Wilton" (Recorded); 8.30, "Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards Repeat of last Thursday's Broadcast"; 8.35, "Queen's Hall Light Organ" (Recorded); 8.40, "Time Signal" (Recorded); 8.45, "Goodnight Music" (Recorded); 8.50, "Close cover".

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"With the hose would take a winter vacation—think we'd enjoy it even more than his summer ones!"

## From the Files 100 Years Ago

Among the cases before the Summary Jurisdiction Court on Friday last, was one brought by Mr Clifton, Inspector of Police, against Mr Framjee Jametjee. The plaintiff appeared by Mr Stace the Attorney, the defendant in person, and we need hardly say that he afforded an exemplification of the proverb about a man who is his own lawyer. The facts, so far as they could be made out, were, that Framjee having been allowed to fall into arrears with his ground-rents, was at length pressed by the Government, being unable to meet his obligations, and in dread of the bailiffs, he offered to sell some of his houses, and with that view entered into negotiation for \$850 with Mr Caldwell, the Acting Superintendent of Police, who promised to give him a definite answer in the evening. Framjee went to the Station to see Mr Caldwell, and there encountered Mr Inspector Clifton, and of course took the opportunity to unfold his woes, and the plan he was pursuing to relieve them. Mr Clifton also having an eye to the property, it would appear that he offered \$900, and a sort of agreement having been hurriedly drawn up and signed by both parties, he seems to have considered the bargain as closed; but Mr Caldwell the same afternoon, as arranged, sent his written agreement for \$800, and the houses were made over to him for that sum. They were, however, worth nearly double; at least Mr Clifton summoned Framjee for breach of bargain, and claimed \$500 as the difference between the sum he offered, and the value of the property as sworn to by his witnesses. Framjee, however, a bystander, who fully understood the nature of such property, drew a broad distinction between its value for investment and for speculation; and ultimately, the Chief Justice decreed for \$100, with costs, while Framjee made an effort to swell upon grounds that were overruled.

#### DEAF AND PERTURBED

Framjee, who is deaf and much perturbed, did not know what he had been given, otherwise he would have given for time to pay, which it is probable would have been granted. As he did not do so, the law was, without any further warning or delay, put in operation to enforce payment, with additional costs, and an application to the Plaintiff, who had made a clear \$100 by the transaction—bating his lawyer's bill for so much leniency to the unfortunate Defendant as to accept payment by monthly instalments, was peremptorily refused. Under these circumstances, a person to whom Framjee came in his distress, asked Mr Bridges to take the opportunity of the Court sitting on Tuesday to ask for four months' grace explaining why Framjee had neglected to do so. The Judge granted three months that being the limit of his powers; and on its being explained that the execution had already been taken out, ordered it to be suspended.

Thus it appears it is not insurance cases only that admit of a "constructive loss."

#### WANDERING FIGS

The following paragraph in the Sydney Empire is copied for the purpose of drawing the attention of the police here to the fact of the numbers of pigs and dogs permitted to wander at will about the town, to the injury, and frequently the entire destruction, of the garden-plots. Such instances seem to be very numerous, and in Australia, while in Hongkong, the last thing a constable would think of doing, would be the seizing and impounding of stray goats—which is never done except by the servants of the injured parties. And then, before the Magistrate, what satisfaction do you receive? A paltry five shillings offered, and a poor boy with whom you wish to be on good terms. Serious grievances actually caused, and the constable annoyed like the one complained of, affecting as they do individuals, and not the public, and the more difficult of eradication. Mr Caldwell might, perhaps, think that the absence of a constable, while he has the power, and should he take the present hint, it may be followed by the limit of his powers; and on its being explained that the execution had already been taken out, ordered it to be suspended.

Branch of the Sydney Herald. Five persons, residing at the Globe, were yesterday, and in general, were permitted to wander about the town, and the more difficult of eradication. Mr Caldwell might, perhaps, think that the absence of a constable, while he has the power, and should he take the present hint, it may be followed by the limit of his powers; and on its being explained that the execution had already been taken out, ordered it to be suspended.